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Deadline for petitions passes, one successful

TAYLOR MULLER
NEWS EDITOR

During the summer, signature gatherers could be seen obtaining petition signatures throughout the state, with two specific initiatives that could significantly impact the University of Nebraska system.

Fair Vote Nebraska failed to gather the required number of signatures, while another, the Nebraska Civil Rights Initiative, is awaiting signature validation by the Nebraska secretary of state.

Fair Vote Nebraska was attempting to put to a vote whether or not State Fair Park would be turned over to the University of Nebraska Lincoln and the state fair moved to Grand Island. In April, Gov. Dave Heineman signed Legislative Bill 1116, turning over State Fair Park, totaling 151 acres, to the University of Nebraska effective 2010.

State Fair Park, located next to the UNL campus, would be developed into an Innovation Campus, similar to UNO's Pacific Street Campus.

"The Nebraska Innovation Campus has already generated national interest and several developers have contacted us already," UNL Chancellor Harvey Perlman said in a statement last month. "This Request for Information will open up the process widely and give developers an opportunity to become involved and for us to gain additional insights into a variety of approaches."

The university is currently accepting development ideas until Aug. 15. At that point university planners will examine the proposals and invite three to five developers for further talks on campus.

Chris Jackson, UNL's vice chancellor of business and finance, said that if everything continues according to plan, the university would take possession of the land in Jan. 2010.

"The University's Innovation Campus will play a key role in attracting new talent to Nebraska, fostering innovative research that is aligned with the needs of the state and building partnerships with the private sector," said NU President James B. Milliken in a statement. "The university's potential to contribute to the state's economic future will be greatly enhanced by this action."

Unlike Fair Vote Nebraska, the Nebraska Civil Rights Initiative reportedly turned in the necessary signatures, which are awaiting validation by the Nebraska secretary of state.

The initiative would forbid race, sex, color or country of origin from being taken into account in matters of public employment, public education or public contracting.

Ward Connerly, an anti-affirmative action activist, said that the proposal would only limit affirmative action in relation to race or gender, not socioeconomic status.

"I have spent a lot of time in Nebraska, I have some very good friends [that] go to University of Nebraska games, and I will be there in September at games, and there's one thing I've learned about the people of Nebraska," Connerly said. "They're fair people. They believe that American principle is treating other people the way you want to be treated. None of us want to be discriminated on the basis of our skin color."

Connerly and the American Civil Rights Coalition have worked in several states, passing similar proposals in California, Michigan and Washington.

The initiative states: "The state shall not discriminate against or grant preferential treatment to any individual or group on the basis of race, sex, color, ethnicity or national origin in the operation of public education, public employment, or public contracting."

Opponents of the proposal are still working to prevent the measure from being on the ballot in November,

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Nebraska First Lady to be recognized

Citation for Alumni Achievement to be awarded at commencement

SCOTT STEWART
EDITOR IN CHIEF

She's a member of Read Aloud Nebraska, taking time out of her busy schedule to travel the state reading to school groups.

She's a member of the Social Sciences Advisory Board of Metro Community College.

She's a former president of Big Brothers Big Sisters and the Fremont Area United Way.

She's the wife of Nebraska Gov. Dave Heineman, who she's been married to for 30 years.

And, in addition to everything else, she was voted UNO homecoming queen in 1970.

Thirty-eight years later, Nebraska First Lady Sally Ganem will add another accolade to her lifetime of achievement: a Citation for Alumni Achievement from the UNO Alumni Association.

Ganem, who graduated from UNO in 1971 with a bachelor's in elementary education and again in 1975 with a master's in education administration, has been a lifelong advocate of the university.

Lee Denker, president of the Alumni Association, said it is difficult to select the few alumni who receive



photo courtesy Eric Francis

Nebraska First Lady Sally Ganem.

this award from the thousands of candidates, but the First Lady's name had been on the short list for a while.

"She's a very visible figure in Nebraska, because of her position as first lady, but even before that, she really did exemplify public service in her role in education. She had a great experience here at UNO," Denker said. "She went on to be a wonderful educator and administrator, and a real community servant through all the activities she participated in Fremont and continues to do so as first lady on a statewide basis."

Ganem is the former principle of Howard Elementary School in Fremont, Neb., and remains an active member of the community's Low Income Ministry Board.

Before going to Fremont, Ganem graduated from Omaha South High School — in a democratic neighborhood, with democratic parents, although she found herself joining Young Republicans during her time at UNO.

She was also a member of many other organizations on campus: Greek Housing Association, League of Women Voters, International Student Organization, Kappa Delta Pi, Manpower for Urban

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Sally Ganem, right, won the title of UNO homecoming queen in 1970. She is shown here being presented with the award at the homecoming ceremony. Ganem will be presented the Citation for Alumni Achievement this Friday.

ITS has trouble with Lotus Notes software update

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Over the past couple weeks, many summer session students noticed they were having difficulty logging on to the campus Lotus Notes e-mail system.

Sometimes it was required to attempt to login a dozen or more times before the system would load. Other times, it was necessary to just try again later.

Steven Lendt, Information Technology Services' director of IT infrastructure, said the problem stemmed from an update from International Computing Machines Inc., the vendor for the Lotus Notes system.

The problem, Lendt said, is when you go to logon at mymail.unomaha.edu, you are redirected to one of several servers where the e-mail is located — there's just too much data to store on one machine. The update interfered with the software that decides which server to

redirect you, thereby possibly making you have to logon to more than one wrong server before your account is found.

Lendt said the problem was patched about a week ago. Anyone still having problems with their particular account should call ITS's help desk at 554-HELP.

"There may be some things we want to check on an individual account basis to address [problems]," Lendt said. "Again, there could be some issues still out there, but we know one of the main issues that was causing [problems] was patched."

Lendt said if problems were still persisting on a larger level, it helps if people report that they're having difficulty. That way ITS would be more aware of the scope of any potential bugs.

"It's helpful if people are having problems to call us back again, so we'd be able to track that call with those individuals," Lendt said.

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- Should your family or friends need to have an emergency message delivered while you are in class or on campus, have them contact Campus Security. Emergency messages will be delivered in case of a medical emergency or a matter of life or death.

Personal Escorts

- The escort service is available 24-7 for individuals on campus. Contact Campus Security to arrange for an escort.

Emergency Procedures

- The University emergency number is 554-2911.
- There are telephones on campus that can be used to report an emergency.

Suspicious Person or Crimes in Progress

- Should you witness a crime in progress, or other emergency, use the campus emergency number 4-2911.

Personal Threats and Harassment

- Disruptive behavior on campus will not be tolerated. Threats or acts of violence should be reported to Campus Security. If the act appears to represent an immediate threat or harm to an individual, it should be reported at once to Campus Security or 911.

Evacuations

- Faculty and staff should assist with room and building evacuations, and be aware of those needing special assistance. All students should become familiar with the designated rally points for their buildings, which are listed on the Campus Security website www.unomaha.edu/security under "Emergency Procedures."

Alert System

- A system to help facilitate emergency communications has been installed at the Center, Dodge and Pacific locations. Announcements are distributed from Campus Security to building public address systems or speakers located in building corridors. When announcements are made, strobe lights will flash to notify the hearing impaired to seek assistance.
- The system will be particularly helpful during tornado warnings. The announcement will alert building occupants to seek shelter and again later when the warning has ended. The alert system also can be used to announce University closings, confirm evacuations for fire or chemical release or other emergency conditions.
- More information on campus emergency procedures can be found on the Campus Security website.

Parking & Traffic

- Shuttle service is provided from the Pacific location lots 5, 7 and 9 – permit required.
- Remote parking is provided from the Crossroads Mall Parking Structure at 72 and Cass Streets – no permit required.
- Contact Campus Security for a shuttle schedule and remote parking locations.

Lost and Found

- Campus Security maintains the lost and found system. Contact Campus Security for lost items.

Fingerprints

- The Campus Security Department provides a fingerprinting service for individuals who require fingerprints for local, state and federal positions and for children of students, staff, faculty and alumni.

Blue light Emergency Phones

- Blue Light Emergency Phones are located throughout campus. Use the phones to report emergencies or contact Campus Security for assistance.

Operation I.D.

- Your stereo tape deck, calculator or other personal belongings may be engraved to aid in finding lost or stolen property.
- Stop by the Campus Security Office and check out an engraver and instructions to engrave your property.

Medical Emergency/Personal Injury

- Call 4-2911 to report a medical emergency or a personal injury. Campus Security officers will respond and render assistance.
- Campus Security officers are trained to provide basic first aid, CPR and the use of an AED (Automatic External Defibrillator).

Personal Property

- The University is not responsible for personal property. Individuals are responsible for safeguarding their own property. Loss of personal property should be reported to Campus Security.

Theft or Damaged Property

- Should you have items stolen or damaged, report the incident as soon as possible to Campus Security.

Incident Reporting

- Incidents requiring immediate action include: fire, environmental spills, medical conditions, property damage, disruptive behavior and crimes in progress.
- Persons involved with or observing these types of incidents should call Campus Security at 554-2911. Campus Security will dispatch officers to the scene, and if required, contact 911.
- If you call 911 directly, also notify Campus Security to help coordinate the response and expedite travel to the emergency scene. Emergency information provided by the caller should include: building, floor, room number, call back number and nature of the emergency.

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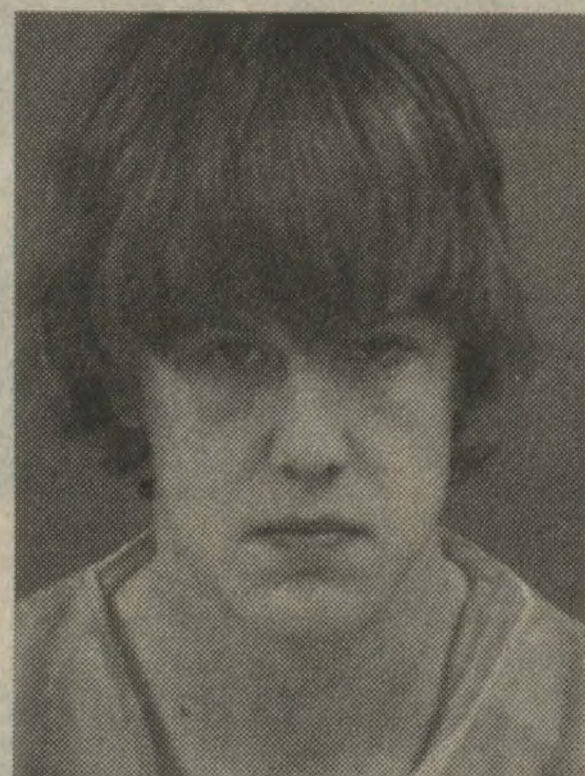
Statements made by a man now in police custody will be allowed, a Douglas County judge ruled. The man, Kyle Bormann of Omaha, was arrested after driving through the scene where 21-year-old UNO student Brittany Williams was fatally shot.

A hearing on July 7 brought five Omaha police officers and a homicide detective to the stand to give testimony regarding several possible racially motivated statements Bormann made while in custody. Williams had been in the drive-through lane of a Kentucky Fried Chicken located at 30th and Craig Streets when she was shot once in the head, from at least 100 yards away, investigators said.

After driving through police tape and failing to stop for officers, Bormann was apprehended after a short foot chase. He

was seen exiting his vehicle with a long rifle, before throwing it to the ground.

Bormann's defense attorney, public defender Tom Reilly, asserted that Bormann had been questioned illegally, not informed of his rights and that the statements should not be allowed as evidence when his trial begins. Bormann has been charged with use of a firearm and first-degree murder.



KYLE BORMANN

Judge Gerald Moran ruled on Aug. 1 that the statements would be allowed, and could be the racially motivating factor that would put the death penalty on the table, if convicted.

Moran ruled that Bormann had given his statements willingly and had not been coerced.

Officers had testified to telling Bormann to be quiet as he sat in the cruiser. Moran said that, because Bormann initiated the exchange, his statements would be admissible when the trial begins Sept. 15.

Campus Web site gets Centennial overhaul

SCOTT STEWART
EDITOR IN CHIEF

UNO's homepage got a new look this summer.

On July 28, the university unveiled a new Web site template prominently featuring the UNO Centennial celebration's "UNO100" logo.

The new template improves multimedia content, allowing for audio, video and slideshows to be more easily included. The template also improves navigation, hyperlinks and moves to a wider format for Web pages.

"The Web lets UNO stay in touch locally with students, faculty and staff and connects us with alumni across the country and world," Director of University Relations Tim Kaldahl said in a statement. "And we know that for many, many people the first encounter they have with the university comes online. We don't need a good Web presence. We need a great Web presence."

In addition to the Web site, UNO is including information on the Centennial celebrations in press releases, advertising campaigns and an institutional history video.

July summer session missed by senators

SCOTT STEWART
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The third summer meeting of the Student Senate failed to take place on July 31, after a number of senators were unable to attend due to other commitments.

Speaker Dayton Headlee said the executives were expecting to be two senators short of the 12 needed to establish quorum, the necessary number of attendees to conduct business. He and President/Regent Lucas Seiler informed the senators via text messages to not bother attending the meeting, Headlee said.

"We don't know what we're going to do so far as the next meeting," Headlee said.

The senate's two options are to hold its final summer meeting on Aug. 21 at 7:30 p.m. or wait until the fall term starts, with the first meeting on Aug. 28 for committees.

Photos with cars to be taken tomorrow

SCOTT STEWART
EDITOR IN CHIEF

The Criss Library wants students to pose by their cars for a Centennial photo exhibit this fall.

The exhibit, "A Century on Wheels: A UNO Celebration," will be displayed on the first floor of the library in October. Students interested in participating should meet in the front of the main library entrance on Wednesday, Aug. 13, at 12:30 p.m.

The shoot, which will be conducted in the parking lots around the Henningson Memorial Campanile, is expected to take about an hour. To volunteer, contact Tessa Christensen at tkchristensen@unomaha.edu.

Crime Log

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time frame of occurrence was reported.

Tuesday, July 22

11:55 p.m. While on patrol, a Campus Security officer witnessed an alcohol violation at Scott Village by one student and four visitors. The alcohol was confiscated, and the student was referred for disciplinary action.

Wednesday, July 23

3:40 p.m. A student reported the theft of personal property from Criss Library. The incident occurred between 3:10 p.m. and 3:30 p.m.

Monday, July 28

6 p.m. Staff member reported a theft of university property from Eppley Administration Building. No time frame of occurrence was reported.

Tuesday, July 29

6:30 a.m. Staff member reported the theft of university property from Roskens Hall. No

2:30 p.m. Staff member reported the theft of university property from Arts and Sciences Hall. The incident occurred between 12:30 p.m. and 1 p.m.

Thursday, July 31

2:03 a.m. Campus Security responded to a noise complaint in Lot L. Further investigation disclosed drug and alcohol violations by one student. The student was referred for disciplinary action.

Assistant Manager of Campus Security Paul Kosel said the student, who was over the age of 21, had been honking a car horn. Officers could smell marijuana and alcohol; the student admitted to smoking marijuana and consuming alcohol earlier that evening. Kosel said no alcohol or drugs were found.

Friday, Aug. 1

1:20 a.m. Campus Security discovered the theft of university property from Weber Fine Arts Building. Incident occurred between 11:30 p.m., Thursday, July 31, and 1:20 a.m., Friday, Aug. 1.

Sunday, Aug. 3

1:30 p.m. Campus Security responded to an assault complaint at Criss Library. Omaha police were notified and responded. A visitor was issued a ban and bar notice.

Kosel said the visitor had been in a verbal disagreement with another visitor, which caused the suspect to push the other visitor.

Tuesday, Aug. 5

3:45 p.m. Student reported the theft of personal property from a vehicle parked in Elmwood Park. Incident occurred between 6 p.m. and 7 p.m., Tuesday, July 29.

Wednesday, Aug. 6

8:40 a.m. Staff member reported a burglary at a building at the Center Street location. Incident occurred between 5 p.m., Tuesday, Aug. 5, and 7:30 a.m., Wednesday, Aug. 6.

Kosel said that someone broke into Facilities Management and Planning's offices and stole keys for university-owned mowers.

For the Record

In the July 8 news article "Remembrances keep rolling in from fans of political journalist Tim Russert," the date of Russert's death was misidentified as July 11 — the Friday after publication. Russert died on Friday, June 13. The error was introduced because the phrase

"Friday afternoon" from the McClatchy-Tribune wire article was incorrectly changed during editing.

In the July 22 culture article "Lagers and pilsners and blocks," on Beertopia's Sunfest beer tasting event, Nebraska Brewing Co. brewer

Tyson Arp was misidentified as head brewer Tyson Harp. Also, the Crescent Moon is located at 3578 Farnam St. at the intersection of 36th and Farnam streets, not 35th Street as the postal address seems to indicate.

The Gateway apologizes for these errors.



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Gun charges dropped against Lincoln college student

Former UNL student won't be charged for bringing a rifle to campus for College Republicans meeting

TAYLOR MULLER
NEWS EDITOR

Former UNL student Colin Fury said that in September, when he and a friend walked across campus with two unloaded rifles, few students reacted with alarm, and after reassuring those around them that the guns were not loaded, most were curious about the large rifles.

"Really nobody was alarmed," Fury said. "There was one girl who saw us that was laughing and we could tell she was a little nervous. So I said to her, 'Don't worry these guns aren't loaded we're just headed to NRA College Republicans Day at the student union.'"

However, Fury and Craig Clark, a student at Southeast Community College, were later charged with unlawful possession of a firearm on school grounds. Fury, at that time a political science major, also faced disciplinary action from UNL for violation of the student code of conduct.

Fury and Clark were on the way to a College Republicans meeting to discuss the National Rifles Association.

"We knew there were rules on campus against concealed weapons, so we had them unloaded and carried them," Fury said. "The university police were not called until an hour after everything was done."

Fury said he did not know they had created such an uproar until reading about it the next day in the Daily Nebraskan. They were initially charged with disturbing the peace, which was later changed to firearms on school grounds.

The charges were eventually dismissed by Judge Gale Pokorny in July, saying that "school" was not properly defined in the law.

Fury was required by UNL to take a decision making class and do community service. He was also placed on disciplinary probation, and if he returns to UNL next spring would continue to be required to attend weekly meetings with his college's dean.

"I'm glad to not have to go to court anymore. I think the judge made the right decision, according to the state laws on the books, I'm glad the judge didn't try to legislate from the bench," Fury said. "I'm also happy the university's been good to me. The dean has really tried to take care of me."

However, even with the charges dismissed, Fury is still being adversely affected, especially recently when pursuing jobs. He said the prosecution had filed an appeal, but then withdrew it.

"The one funny thing is back after they dropped their appeal, it's weird, I applied for a job at Fedex ground, they found there was still an open court case misdemeanor against me so they would not hire me," he said.

He also resigned as an intern for Jeff Fortenberry's campaign in an effort to distance the controversy from the candidate.

Assistant Manager of Campus Security Paul Kosel said firearms are only occasionally



PHOTO BY ANDREA BARBE

Buidling windows and signs around campus are marked with a 'no guns' logo.

allowed on campus at UNO, such as for presentations or class projects, as long as they are cleared before-hand.

"As long as they clear that with us, we allow them to bring it specifically for that class," he said.

Even campus security officers do not carry firearms, and since the concealed carry law was passed in Nebraska, signs have been posted throughout campus forbidding firearms.

During the NU Board of Regents' January 2007 meeting, the regents approved a policy that allowed each campuses' chancellor to decide whether notices regarding concealed weapon prohibition should be posted. Shortly thereafter, Kosel said, UNO began posting signs.

Kosel said that while there had not been any similar incidents at UNO, violence on university campuses across the nation require his department to remain vigilant.

Tired of using Lotus Notes? How to forward UNO e-mail

COMMENTARY BY
SCOTT STEWART
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Tired of battling with UNO's Lotus Notes e-mail system? Sick of missing important class announcements from Blackboard? The Gateway has your back.

What follows are directions for hacking your UNO account to redirect e-mails from Blackboard and Lotus Notes to your preferred alternative e-mail address, such as a personal G-mail, Hotmail or Yahoo account. A primer on disabling that pesky spam filter – and its hunger for your most important messages – is also included.

These techniques are not endorsed by Information Technology Services. They are provided as-is for entertainment purposes only. Any betterment of your personal life as a result of this advice is purely accidental.

Now let's get down to the technical details.

Updating Blackboard preferences

1. Log in at myuno.unomaha.edu to load your Blackboard profile.
2. On the left side of the screen, click "Personal Information" under "Tools" and select "Edit Personal Information" on the resulting page.

3. Change your "BB-only Email" to your preferred account and click the "Submit" button at the bottom of the page. Click "OK" to confirm.
4. Click "OK" again to leave the page. Any message sent by Blackboard should now be delivered to your preferred e-mail account and not your UNO Lotus notes account.

Forwarding Lotus Notes e-mails

1. Log in at mymail.unomaha.edu – this may take a ridiculous number of attempts. If you can't log in, set this paper aside and try it again in a few minutes.
2. Once you log in, click "Full" on the bar at the very top of the window if the "Lite" mode is highlighted. If a warning message saying a script from International Business Machines Corporation might be unsafe, choose to allow the software to run.
3. On the left is a sidebar where, second from the bottom, is the option "Tools." Click on this and then select "Rules" from the sub-menu.
4. On the menu bar on the right pane of the screen, click "New" to select the "New Mail Rule" dialogue. A window will pop up.
5. Give the rule a name like "Forward Mail" and make sure the radio button called "Enabled" is selected.
6. Under "Specify conditions," select "Sender" from the first menu, "is not" from the second menu and type "nobody@nowhere.com" or another make-up e-mail address for the text box under the two menus. Click the "Add>" button.
7. Under "Specify actions," select "send copy to" from the menu. In the text box below it, give the e-mail address you want your mail forwarded to, e.g. "you@gmail.com", and make sure "full" is selected in the menu below the text box. Click the "Add>" button.
8. Optional: If you want to delete the message from Lotus Notes, rather than save a backup there, select "Delete (don't accept message)" from the "Specify actions" menu. Click the "Add>" button. This is recommended only if you get a lot of messages to your UNO e-mail account.
9. Click "OK" and select "Lite" again from the menu at the top of your screen. Your UNO mail should now forward to your preferred e-mail. Make sure to send a test e-mail to confirm that it is working. (Note: It may take several minutes for the test message to arrive in your preferred e-mail account.)

Disabling spam quarantine

1. Log in at antispam.unomaha.edu to load your quarantine box.
2. Click "Preferences" at the top of the page, and select "Spam Settings" on the resulting page.
3. Change "Enable spam filtering" to "No," and note the warning message to the right.
4. Click "the "Save Changes" button, and it should say "Configuration updated" in green letters after reloading. Now all e-mails sent to your UNO address, including spam, will pass through to your inbox.


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GUIDE TO UNO

Construction all around: What's going up on campus

TAYLOR MULLER
NEWS EDITOR

During the summer, it seemed as if the construction contractors on campus outnumbered students many times. But all their hard work toiling through the hot weather has not been fruitless. Three separate projects will be finishing up just in time for the start of fall classes, as well as several smaller renovations throughout campus.

College of Public Affairs and Community Service

The new home for the College of Public Affairs and Community Service will finish just in time for the college's departments to move in. This will be the first time the college has been housed in one building.

"There could be some programs that are not in, but we're talking a matter of days not a time longer than that," said John Amend, director of facilities and management. "Classrooms should be up and running, we have those scheduled for the fall."

The building will feature several collaboration areas, where different areas of study combine into one focused project.



PHOTO BY ANDREA BARBE

Maverick Village

The 384-bed dormitory built next to University Village will also be open in time for the fall, with move-ins starting the week before classes resume on Aug. 25. Amend said the majority of the landscaping had been completed; however, there would most likely be more trees planted along the west side of the parking garage.

The garage is available to primarily campus residents, with the hope of freeing up more parking elsewhere. A limited

number of overflow reserved spaces were sold to non-residents earlier this summer.

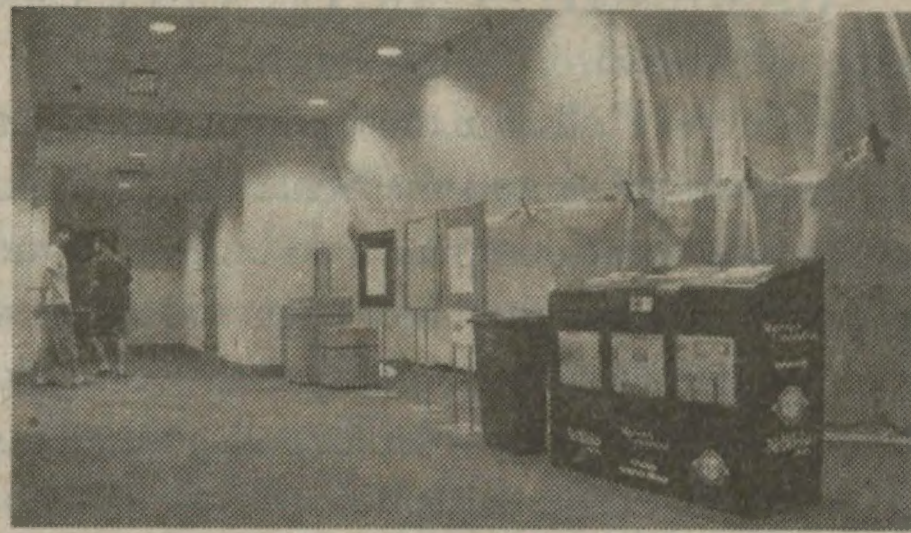


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Milo Bail Student Center

Currently, much of the carpeting, stairs and infrastructure of the student center are being replaced. Amend said they hope to be completed in time for Aug. 25. In addition to the inside, the Henningson Campanile Plaza, located outside the student center's south entrance, will also be receiving a facelift.

"We're going to make a permanent stage for concerts and everything, put in some new planters, getting rid of those planters in the way, so making some more space," Amend said. "We're hoping that all of that is before school starts. That's the way construction usually has to work around here."

Aksarben Village

Although not one of the campus' developments, given its proximity, the university has been keenly interested in the new area known as Aksarben Village. Located on the Pacific Street Campus on the old site of the Aksarben racetrack, Amend said he had been told that, as early as late this summer, businesses would start moving into the development. He said the entertainment area, which would include a movie theatre, would begin construction in the spring.

Dr. C.C. and Mabel L. Criss Library

Connecting old to new is the theme for the renovations continuing in the Criss Library.

"It's going to read more like the addition. More of that feel from the front to the back," Amend said. "To make it look like one building now, instead of an older building with a brand new addition on it."

He said the first floor was almost finished, with work on the second and third floor finishing up in May 2009.

Health, Physical Education and Recreation Building

Due to be completed in three phases, the HPER renovation, when done, will include several multi-purpose courts, a juice bar as well as more than 100 more parking spaces.

"At or around the time school starts, the first phase will be out into the parking lot and starting to excavate the new addition that goes out to the west," Amend said. "The parking will be the biggest effect. During the renovation, we'll all just have to gain some different habits in getting in and out of the building. For the most part it won't be much different."

The first year will be mainly construction of new spaces, the second will be mostly renovation work but Amend said by next winter, the parking structure and gymnasium would be completed.

"By fall 2010, all of it should be back fully functional," he said.

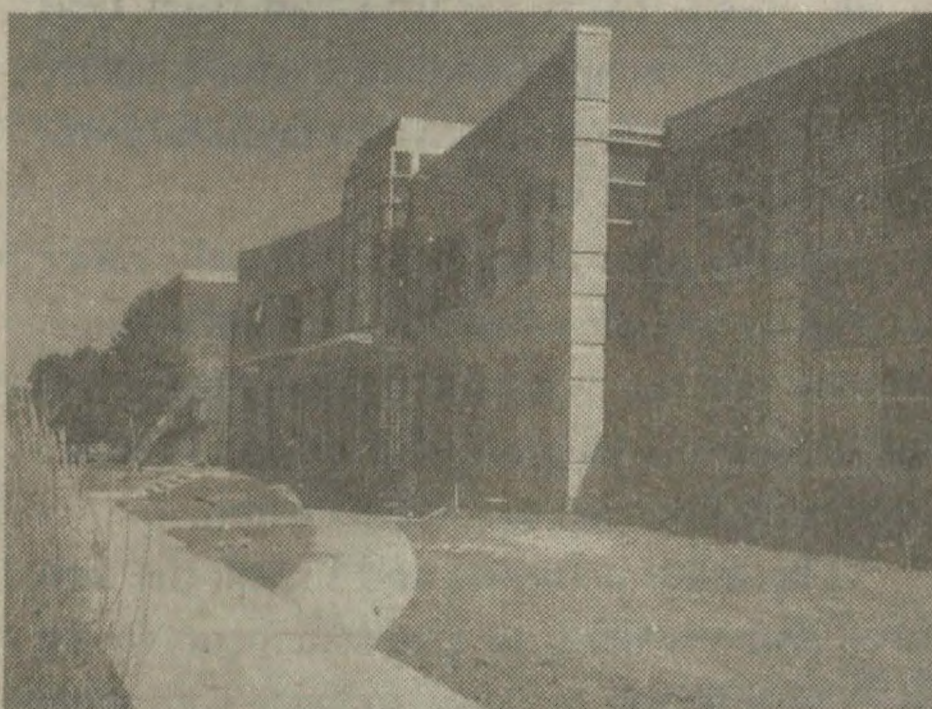


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College of Business Administration - Mammel Hall

A new 120,000-square-foot building will house the College of Business Administration on south campus next to the Peter Kiewit Institute. With a completion date of fall 2010, the building will house the college's departments and classrooms. "For the most part they've been in design, they have moved a couple site trailers on [and] will start on some foundation work in the very near future. We're getting that prepped now," Amend said. "It won't be until later in the fall when we start to see something being scratched in the ground."

University Life Complex

Located on the Chili Greens property that UNO recently obtained, the planned University Life Complex would provide a focal point for several of the university's sports, including an ice complex. Set to go before the NU Board of Regents on Sept. 5, the program statement highlights three phases of construction, including baseball, softball and soccer fields as well as an ice complex.



PHOTO BY JUDY RYDBERG

If approved, the next step would be to secure a donor, Amend said. At this point no donor has been selected.

With several projects wrapping up this fall and even more in two years, the university continues to move forward as it prepares to celebrate its 100th birthday. Amend said students had plenty to be excited about on campus, with top-notch facilities being developed each year.

"You're going to want to come and spend more time, I just think it's providing better quality space and more and better programs," Amend said.

The university has developed a Web site to keep the campus community apprised of current and future construction efforts. The site, www.unomaha.edu/building, also has artist's renderings of many of the projects.

Automobile rat race: A student's guide to campus parking

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From roommates to reading assignments, campus newcomers can easily feel overwhelmed with all the changes college can bring. However, one thing that never gets easier as the years progress is finding a parking spot in time for class.

Students who enrolled before June 2 should have already received their parking permit applications in the mail. It is important to apply as soon as possible, because campus surface parking is limited.

Permits can be purchased at the campus security office in Eppley Administration Building or during the week before school starts in the EAB auditorium.

An annual student parking permit for day and night costs \$106. Single-semester permits and night only permits are also available for half that amount.

Students can also purchase parking structure access cards for an additional \$65. After 12:30 p.m. the structure is available to those without a permit for \$2.

A brand new parking structure,

Parking Structure South, will also be available to residents of Maverick Village and University Village who purchase access cards for \$166. The structure is located on University Drive South, west of Maverick Village. The addition of this new structure guarantees every Dodge Street Campus resident a parking spot, according to the campus security Web site.

"During the school year, I have never been able to find a parking spot on campus," said junior geology major Jon Rumpf. "I always end up parking at the church across Dodge Street."

Adding to the parking problems is the abundant construction peppering UNO's campus.

On the main campus, most of Lot O and Lot Q will be closed while the Health, Physical Education and Recreation Building is being renovated. Lot R will be reduced as well, while the Henningson Plaza is expanded. On South Campus, part of Lot 6 will be closed for the construction of Mammel Hall.

For updated information on how the construction is impacting parking, go to the

UNO parking place Web site, www.unomaha.edu/parking. Here, visitors can see a Google map of campus with closures highlighted.

Parking will also be available in the Crossroads Mall garage without a permit, as well as South Campus with a permit.

When fall classes are in session, shuttles run to and from Crossroads every 15 minutes on weekdays from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. The shuttles stop north of the Durham Science Center and north of the student center, before returning to the southwest corner of the Crossroads garage.

South Campus also has a shuttle to the main campus. It runs Monday through Friday, 6:30 a.m. to 10:30 p.m. Unlike the Crossroads shuttle, the Pacific shuttle requires a UNO parking permit.

The shuttle makes stops south of Lot Q, on University Drive South, west of Lot



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The new Parking Structure South will open to residents of Maverick Village and University Village.

K and north of the Durham Science Center. Then it stops north of the student center, east of Kayser Hall, east of the Peter Kiewit Institute, in Lot 5, Lot 7 and Lot 9, west of Scott Village and along 67th Street.

Newcomers need not worry about getting on the wrong shuttle. Pacific location shuttles are clearly marked to distinguish them from Crossroads shuttles.

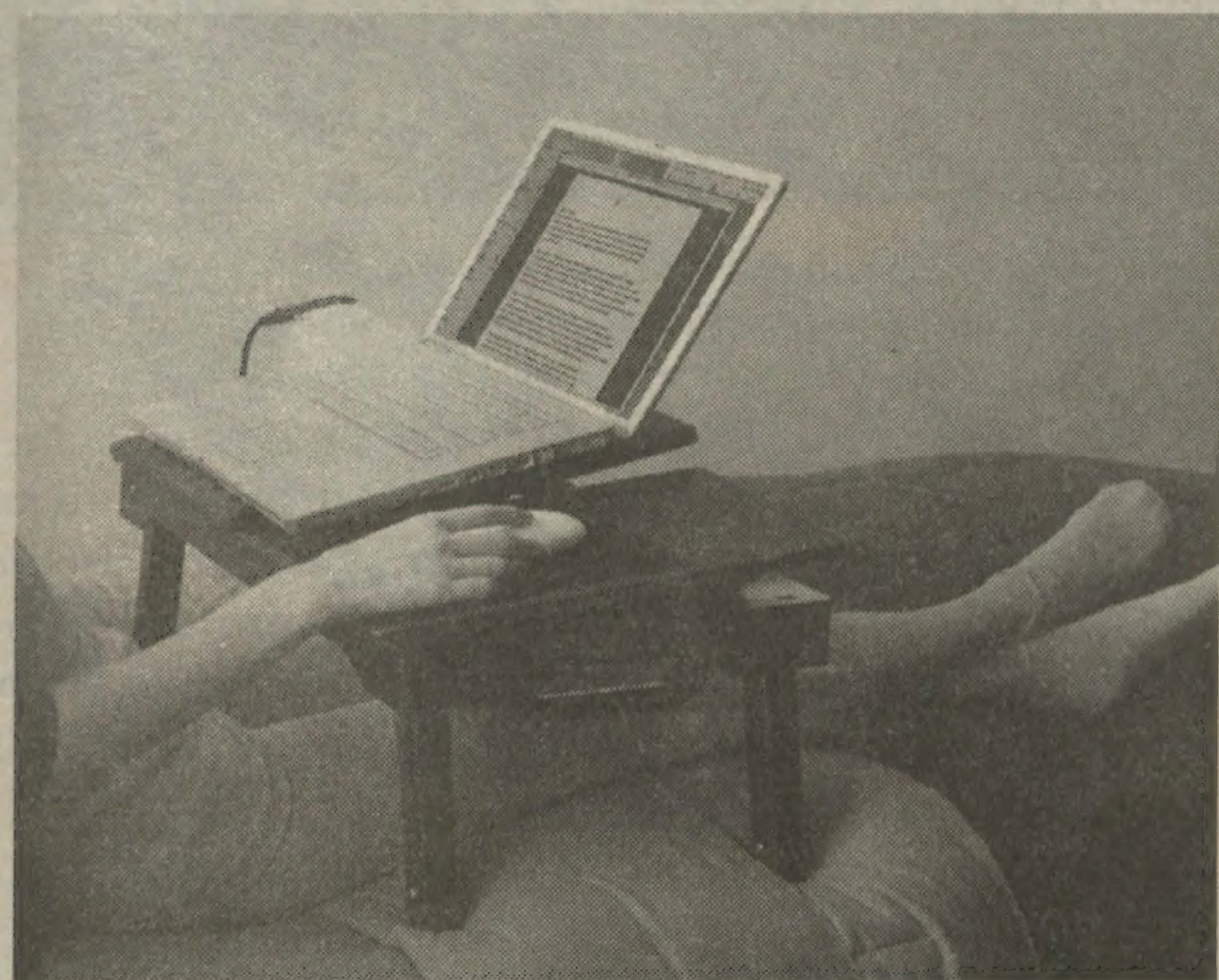
Start online for back-to-dorm fashions

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FORT LAUDERDALE, Fla. (MCT) — Whether you're a fashionista who considers "Gossip Girl" star Blake Lively your idol, an eco-friendly student who thinks Al Gore is "the man" or a dude who decorates with books, you can find the back-to-dorm decor that reflects your personality and tastes.

The choices are more varied than ever in this year's crop of cool stuff to trick out your dorm room and turn it into a sweet space.

You can get ideas on how to organize and decorate your room in different themes from store Web sites, which often depict rooms as well as show products. And JCPenney has a cool area on Facebook as well as on jcp.



com that offers a virtual way to decorate by dragging accessories into a room.

Container Store, Bed, Bath & Beyond and JCPenney are offering checklists in stores or online to help so you get everything you need.

Many of the basics have remained the same over the years, but trend experts say today's college students want their rooms to reflect their personalities and

philosophies more than ever before.

And one of those philosophies is a concern for the environment.

"One major trend we have seen is going green and being eco-friendly," says Olescia Hanson, spokeswoman for the Container Store. Some of the items that reflect this trend are bamboo garment racks, bins made out of recycled fabric and trash cans with graphic designs made from biodegradable plastic.

Bold colors are available in everything from desk chairs to lamps, garbage cans and stacking drawers.

"Lots of bold colors make functional storage another way to express personality," Hanson says.

Bedding can also make a personal statement, says Catherine Gentile, public relations manager of Bed, Bath & Beyond. Bedding choices can run the gamut from spreads emblazoned with the school logo to those with bright colors or wild prints.

One of the significant items you may not think of is Bed, Bath & Beyond's new Allergy Luxe Bed Bug mattress protector, which protects you from any bed bugs that may have been hiding in the mattress. Gentile said the protector has micro zipper technology that allows the mattress to be securely encased. It comes in twin and twin extra long, the typical college bed size.

Another interesting new item from Bed, Bath & Beyond is the bed desk, which can be angled into different positions and has fold out legs for easy storage. It also has a built-in LED light and built-in mouse pad.

Art has also changed, according to Deb Schweiss, trend director of JCPenney Home.

"Definitely we are moving toward what we are calling alternative art work," she says. "We are using pieces of fabric or beaded panels."

Many of the art items are made so they will not damage dorm walls such as JCPenney's canvas over wood prints that are backed with adhesive tape.

The beaded panels are the same concept as the hippie beads that hung in doorways in the 1960s, but these targeted for dorms are made of metallic discs.

They are used as a layering piece on window coverings, on walls and to divide rooms.

"Kids are creative," Schweiss said. "They can hang the panels over the screen. It's all about



personalization."

Another great way to personalize is by hanging letters on the wall that spell out your interest.

Although the prices of much of the dorm decor are reasonable, it doesn't have to be disposable. And many of the items, such as stackable drawers with wheels, can be used in different configurations to allow them to be an end table in one place and fit under the bed in another location.

"These products are great quality so something can last four years and beyond to the first apartment," Container Store's Hanson says.

"These solutions are flexible. The student will be moving a few times throughout college and you want

The skinny on the stuff you need

Bed, Bath & Beyond: One of the best designed Web sites, it has six categories by function (eat, sleep, study, etc.) "Survival 101" gives tips. There's also decorating ideas, a checklist of what you will need and a locator for the store nearest your school. BBB offers "pack and hold," a feature that allows you to shop on line and place your order and have it shipped to a store near your dorm. See bedbathandbeyond.com.

Container Store: Offers a free booklet "Dorm: Give Yourself Some Space" in stores and online at containerstore.com. The booklet includes examples of theme rooms, gives suggestions for the six areas of organization, provides a list of must-haves and a checklist of what's needed in a dorm room. See containerstore.com

JCPenney: The "Dorm Life" section, which is also on Facebook, provides dorm solutions, including a checklist, discovering your personal style, and how to get the most out of small spaces. You can register online so your gifts and purchases can be shipped to a store near your school. See jcp.com and search for "dorm."



Six must-have items for dorm life

What are the hottest back-to-dorm items?

We talked to representatives from Bed, Bath & Beyond, Container Store and JCPenney to get their takes on must-haves that will make dorm life more comfortable and more organized. Here are their picks:

Adjustable floor lounge: Extra seating is always important when guests come to hang out in your room, but you also need stuff that folds up and stores easily. This lounge is microfiber over a foam-covered steel frame and can be bent and put away; \$79.99, JCPenney.

Bamboo garment rack: This eco-friendly rack, made of sustainable bamboo, will give you up to 31 inches of extra hanging space. It has shelves for storage, sections for hanging long and short clothes and casters so it can be moved around; \$129, the Container Store (exclusive).

Bed desk: Who doesn't like to work in bed? It's part of the college scene. This bed desk, in espresso is adjustable and has fold-up legs so it can be stored easily, and includes an LED light and a mouse pad; \$29.99, Bed, Bath & Beyond.

Charging bulletin board: Check out the ultimate tech station. Not only can you post reminders of parties and other cool stuff, you can charge up to three devices, such as MP3 players, cell phones or game players. You can connect to all devices through a USB port and there are stereo speakers with built-in volume control; \$179.99, JCPenney.

Folding cushion chair: Forget folding chairs that are a pain. This one has a baffled design for comfort. The upholstery is combed poly and 600 denier polyester fabric, and the frame is a lightweight alloy. It comes with a carry/storage case to make it easy to fold and store; \$39.99, Bed, Bath & Beyond.

Oh! Chair: Karim Rashid, a master of modern design, created this comfortable desk chair for Umbra. Rashid, who always has a sense of humor, named the chair for the comforting "Oh!" he thinks you'll say when you sit on it. It is made of polypropylene with powder-coated steel legs. The ergonomic design isn't rigid. It gives for comfort but still supports your bod; \$49, Container Store.



University to monitor alcohol incidents as new dorm opens

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It might come as a surprise to those students living on campus that despite being of legal age to consume alcohol, they are prohibited by the code of conduct and university policy from possessing alcohol while on university property.

A helpful reminder from university alcohol educator Nate Bock: There is no alcohol allowed on campus unless approved by Chancellor John Christensen.

With the addition of 384 more beds in the university's new housing unit, Maverick Village, Campus Security is expecting an increase in reported alcohol violations, and will gauge the increase when deciding whether or not to add more patrolling officers.

Bock said that as a member of the university's alcohol coalition, it was important to him that UNO's policies were well-known and that the dangers of drinking and bad choices were openly discussed by students.

"There's different dangers at different phases and different environments," Bock

said. "College perception is that it's time to party and time to drink heavy. That kind of environment could lead to alcohol overdose."

Bock said that there would be several changes on and near campus relating to alcohol.

"There's going to be some places that have alcohol licenses in Aksarben Village. We're going to keep an eye on what's going over there, want to form relationships with folks there," Bock said.

Maverick Village will also affect alcohol issues, with nearly 400 more students living on campus.

"More things are probably going to get reported to us because these are our employees," said Paul Kosel, assistant manager of campus security. "I've heard so far they're both interested in getting us involved as much as we can. That's our property, those are our buildings."

While there are no immediate plans to increase the number of patrolling officers, Kosel said his department and the university were going to be watching closely this semester.



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Maverick Village, UNO's third housing complex, will open this fall for students. Alcohol enforcement on campus will likely increase once the dorms open.

"We know to a certain extent it may be a bit of a strain on us staffing-wise," Kosel said. "In the next couple months we'll have an idea what's going on. Now just seeing if it'll really be bad or not a problem. It might just go unnoticed, we might be that lucky."

The UNO Counseling Center offers free chemical dependency evaluations and confidential alcohol and drug counseling. Alcoholics Anonymous also holds two meetings a week, Monday and Friday, noon to 1 p.m. in Eppley Administration Building Room 115.

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including David Kramer, director of the Nebraskans United organization.

"We have been filing challenges in all 93 counties," Kramer said.

Kramer said the challenges assert that petition gatherers broke several rules while collecting signatures, including misleading signers, not personally witnessing signatures and not reading the object statement.

Nebraska Secretary of State John Gale has until Sept. 12 to validate the proposal. If validated, both the Nebraskans United

and the Nebraska Civil Rights Initiative groups will continue to inform voters on the proposal up until the ballots drop in November.

"We've been trying to educate folks what the true implications of this are. In Nebraska there are not any affirmative action plans that are state-based. There's no public contracting on the state level that's done that way," Kramer said. "What we're talking about here is really the university and the scholarships and admissions programs."

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Progress, Minority Cultures Committee, Student Education Association, Student Senate Projects Committee, UNO Achievement Awards Committee, Wayokla and Women's Recreation Association

Now, Ganem plans to continue her service to the campus this year as one of UNO's eight Centennial hosts, where she will help to bring the university's message to the community. She will join former chancellors Del Weber and Ronald Roskens, philanthropist Dick Holland, Union Pacific President and CEO Jim

Young as well as Mayor Mike Fahey, among others.

Ganem will receive the Citation for Alumni Achievement on Friday at the commencement ceremony at the Omaha Civic Auditorium, 1804 Capitol Ave. The ceremony is scheduled to begin at 2 p.m., with more than 520 students graduating from the university that afternoon.

"We're really thrilled that she accepted the award," Denker said. "We really think Sally is a great example of a public servant."

Lack of funding doesn't stop SafeSpaces committee

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The Safe Space Committee is a UNO organization that aims to create a welcoming campus environment for people of all backgrounds, in particular members of the lesbian, gay, bisexual, intersex and questioning community.

The committee has worked to implement several initiatives to meet the needs of the LGBTIQ community. Among those is the ally program, a network of trained individuals around campus that can be approached by students with questions regarding gender and sexual orientation.

"I think there is a lot of covert sexism and heterosexism. When I work out at the gym, I hear guys say 'Don't be a fag,' 'You're a fag' and 'That's so gay,'" said

Ejay Jack, director of the Gender and Sexual Orientation Student Agency. "As far as really overt, any kind of violence, I haven't experienced that at UNO, but that's not to say that it doesn't occur, and if it does occur it may not be reported."

The committee actively works to create a more tolerant campus by inviting speakers

to educate students on gay and lesbian issues.

"We have also worked towards creating more bisexual restrooms on campus," said Sharon Ulmar, assistant to the chancellor for diversity and equal opportunity. "We just want to create an awareness across campus to understand diversity and respect the dignity of all peoples no matter what their cultures are."

While the committee is active in the lives of many students, it does not receive direct funding from UNO.

"We have no budget; a lot of it is funded through my office of diversity," Ulmar said.

To facilitate the needs of LGBT students, the student-fee funded Gender and Sexual Orientation Student Agency was formed last year.

"I think that UNO is trying, but I think there's a lot more that

could be done," Jack said.

After going through training, each ally receives a Safe Space Sticker.

"If you identify that way and you're in the closet or even out of the closet and you see symbols that represent your culture, I think that solidifies a feeling of being accepted," Jack said.



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The University of Nebraska at Omaha has over 100 recognized clubs and organizations in which students may become involved. Fraternities, sororities, Student Government, service agencies, honor societies, professional organizations, the student newspaper, the Student Programming Organization, and special interest groups are all available on campus.

Check with the Student Organizations and Leadership Programs office at any time for an updated list of organizations. Also, if you have a special interest in something that is not already available and would like to start your own club, contact the Student Organizations and Leadership Programs office for additional information. Starting a new club is easy to accomplish.

If you have any questions, and/or would like to get involved in any of UNO's clubs and organizations, stop by our office on the first floor of the Student Center, call 554-2711 or visit our website. Click the "Clubs & Organizations" tab for a listing of recognized clubs and organizations.



studentorgs.unomaha.edu

'Central to our city:' UNO to celebrate centennial this fall

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It's official: UNO is turning 100 years old.

It's older than Disneyland, Barbie and John McCain.

Officially beginning Oct. 8, Chancellor John Christensen will kick off the celebration with the "State of the University" address at the Fall Convocation held at Strauss Performing Arts Center at 10 a.m. The theme, "UNO 100: Central to our City," was selected to show what an important piece of Omaha's history UNO has been.

Following Christensen's address, patrons can head over to the former Engineering Building for the grand opening of the new College of Public Affairs and Community Service Building.

For the last two years, the building has been undergoing renovations. The building dedication ceremony will take place Oct. 8, at 11 a.m., followed by a kickoff reception in the student center at noon.

"The decision to have the dedication ceremony during centennial kickoff week is for one reason: to raise awareness of how much UNO has changed and is continuing to change," said David Cicotello, director of enrollment services and member of the Centennial Steering Committee.

Another piece of campus that is continuing to change is the Health, Physical Education and Recreation Building. The building will be going through renovations and will soon be expanded. On Oct. 9, campus leaders will participate in a groundbreaking ceremony outside HPER at 10 a.m.

Also that day, Maverick Village will have a dedication ceremony to coincide with centennial kickoff week. The time has not been announced yet.

With so many changes happening around campus, community members and alumni may be interested in seeing the new and improved university. As a way to introduce the community to the changing campus, free bus tours will be offered on Oct. 10, from 1 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. in the afternoon.

"The tours are mainly to show them how much things have evolved and just how advanced UNO is becoming," said

Elizabeth Kraemer, graduate assistant for the chancellor's office and member of the Centennial Steering Committee. "Anyone would be welcome to take part in the tours if they want to see what's happening on campus."

The buses will pick visitors up at the Alumni Center. From there, they will make five stops: Maverick Village, south campus, Arts and Sciences Hall, the student center and the library.

Riders can get out and walk around at any stop. All the buildings will be open for exploration, and buses will be arriving and departing continuously.

"They are going to have matadors and orientation leaders as tour guides on the shuttle buses," Kraemer said. "Maps and pamphlets will show how much UNO has changed. They'll have lots of information and fun looking around."

Centennial kickoff week will also coincide with UNO's homecoming week.

"We wanted to make the homecoming football game the week of the centennial kickoff," Cicotello said. "It was planned that way. That's how it all got wrapped together."

The homecoming game is scheduled for Oct. 11 against conference foe Missouri Western.

Before the game, there will be a recruitment open house, then a centennial tailgate party. The party will be in the Pep Bowl from 10:30 a.m. until 1 p.m.

Guests of all ages can enjoy games, balloon creations, Maverick "tattoos," a disc jockey, food, bouncy rides and a mechanical bull. There will also be appearances by the Maverick cheerleaders, the UNO marching band and the homecoming royalty candidates. In addition, each college will have a tent set up in the Pep Bowl during the tailgate party.

"I'm really excited about the tailgate event, because I think it's going to be one of the best events to involve all aspects of UNO: alumni, students, staff and community members," Kraemer said. "There's actually a lot to be excited about."

Afterwards, Mav fans will pile into Caniglia Field for the big game against Missouri Western. Centennial Homecoming kickoff is at 1 p.m.

Once centennial kickoff week is over, that does not mean the centennial celebration is over. UNO will be celebrating the landmark for the entire year: Oct. 8, 2008 through Oct. 7, 2009.

Continuing the spirit of celebrating the centennial all year long, one notable event will be happening in February, rather than October. The Centennial Gala will be a black tie fundraiser at the Qwest Center.

Diane Buker, the gala organizer, said the event will focus on alumni and community leaders. She said it may be too expensive for students to attend, however students would benefit from it regardless.

"They're hoping to use gala ticket sales to raise about \$500,000 to fund several scholarships at UNO, so that's why the tickets will probably be pretty pricey," Buker said. "It will definitely benefit students."

With all the excitement surrounding UNO's 100th birthday, students interested in helping out can either volunteer at an existing event or create a centennial event of their own.

While all the main centennial events are already planned, any UNO organizations are welcome to organize their own centennial events, Kraemer said.

Anyone who would like to volunteer to help with centennial events can call Jennifer Forbes-Bailey, centennial volunteer coordinator, at 554-3419.

"Granted we want to focus on all these events, but we also want to focus on where we go from here," Kraemer said. "The centennial goes deeper than the activities. It's about celebrating



Boostrappers look forward to centennial

One group of alumni is especially looking forward to the centennial: the UNO bootstrappers. For more than 50 years, the military has been paying for education and encouraging its members to "pull themselves up by their bootstraps." UNO was one of the first institutions to participate in the bootstrappers program.

"They were active duty military who were able to go back to school full-time and do something good for themselves and their future," said Hayley Patton, who works in the UNO division of continuing studies and is coordinating the bootstrappers reunion for the centennial. "They were the foundation for our general studies program."

UNO has one of the biggest bootstrapper programs in the country, Patton said. Almost 6,000 bootstrappers have been invited to attend the centennial festivities. Special reunion events have been planned just for them.

On Oct. 9, the bootstrappers will have a reunion tour of the Strategic Air and Space Museum. There they can see aircraft hangars and a restoration gallery. A fee of \$10 buys museum admission and bus transportation from the Thompson Alumni Center. Bootstrappers will meet at the alumni center at 1 p.m. for a 1:30 tour.

After the tour, bootstrappers will return to the alumni center for a reunion reception and banquet at 5:30 p.m. Dinner costs \$30 and includes entertainment from World War II era show band, The Avi8ors.

The following morning, Friday, Oct. 10, a free bootstrapper reunion breakfast will be served in the alumni center. Representatives from the University of Nebraska Foundation will discuss what is going on around UNO and how alumni can get more involved.

After breakfast, bootstrappers will head to a reunion tour of Offutt Air Force Base. The event costs \$20 and includes lunch and bus transportation from the alumni center.

In the midst of all the bootstrapper events, Patton said the UNO Division of Continuing Studies is going to try to organize oral history interviews to document the program.

"It's going to be where the bootstrappers sit down and tell us about their experiences at UNO, about what they've done since then and what the bootstrapper program meant to them," she said. "There's a lot of history there."

Welcome Week to jump start semester

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It's time to say goodbye to summer and hello to the fall semester. Whether excited for school to start or dreading the coursework, Welcome Week aims to make the transition a little easier.

Students, faculty and staff are all invited to enjoy the festivities from Aug. 25 to Aug. 28. All events are in the plaza outside the student center. Activities are from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Free food will be served 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

"The most exciting time is when school first starts, because the students are excited, and they're wanting to get involved," said Barb Treadway, director of Welcome Week. "The atmosphere is just fun."

The first day will focus on students. Tables will be set up to provide information about what services UNO has available. Meanwhile, there will be an inflatable basketball challenge and inflatable bungee run challenge.

The campus community can enjoy music from The Jazzwholes, a local band that plays a variety of genres: rock, funk, blues and everything in between. The free lunch will include chicken sandwiches, chips and pop.

Aug. 26 is set to have a theme of academic excellence. Various academic departments will have informational tables in the plaza for interested or undecided students.

Between classes, students can have funny caricatures drawn or step into the photo booth. They can also play inflatable basketball or try their hands at inflatable jousting.

"Everything is big and puffy with this kind of jousting," Treadway said. "Two people get into the inflatable ring, put on the inflatable suits and they combat."

While inflated crazies are knocking

each other around, others can munch on hot dogs, chips and pop, while listening to music from The Prairie Gators. The band is known as one of the only authentic Zydeco bands in Nebraska. Zydeco is an American roots, folk genre.

Aug. 27 will have a community engagement theme. Omaha area non-profit groups will have tables set up in the plaza.

"This is great for students to learn more about civic engagement and how to get involved in the community," Treadway said. "They'll talk about the services they provide and how to get involved in volunteering."

Near the non-profit tables, airbrush tattoo artists will be on hand to beautify the students' bodies.

Students can devour sloppy joes, chips and pop while Civicminded takes the stage. The band is a mix of rock, new wave and alternative music with influences from INXS, Radiohead, The Cure, Deftones and Duran Duran, according to their MySpace page.

Aug. 28 will conclude Welcome Week with a clubs and organizations theme. The clubs and organizations fair has become an annual event showcasing various UNO activities.

"That's always exciting because the students are the only ones who have tables out on the Plaza. We have 120 clubs and organizations, and we usually have about 60 tables out there," Treadway said. "It's a great opportunity for students to come and meet organization participants and find out how to get involved."



PHOTO BY MICHELLE BISHOP

Any recognized campus activity can sign up for a table at the fair. Organizations wishing to reserve a table can do so in the Student Organizations and Leadership Office.

While the main campus is celebrating the start of school, south campus will be throwing its own Welcome Week.

The Pancake Man will serve brunch from 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. on Aug. 25. The next day, sub sandwiches will be served at 5 p.m.

There will be a picnic from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Aug. 27, complete with hot dogs and student resource areas.

Aug. 28 will be pizza day from 11:30 to 1 p.m. Later, a Scott Hall barbecue will take place at 5 p.m. in the Scott courtyard.

South campus Welcome Week will conclude Friday morning from 9 a.m. to 10 a.m. with doughnuts, milk and orange juice.

"It takes a while; you have to get the bands together, plan the activities and follow lots of contracts," Treadway said. "Many different people are involved in the planning process. Now, we are done planning it; we just have to implement it. It's going to be awesome."

PKI career resource center a must

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The Peter Kiewit Institute's career resource center hopes to teach students more than they could learn in a classroom, while giving them advantages they would not receive if looking for internships or jobs on their own.

One such advantage is the business seminar series. Seminars are dinners or luncheons hosted by various companies, in which PKI students can interact with high profile business executives. Past seminar topics have included leadership, volunteering, negotiation and table manners.

"The business seminar series is absolutely a good networking opportunity," said Doug Bahle, coordinator for the PKI career resource center. "Students can spend an evening with some of our business partners to explore what they do and how they do it."

Once participants have corporate connections, they will need to polish their interviewing skills and improve their resumes. To do this, students can take part in the career resource center's mock interview program.

Students involved in the program can expect 45-minute sessions with two or three representatives from PKI business partners, Bahle said. Each session starts with a mock job interview. The interview is followed by positive and negative feedback on the participant's performance and resume. The session concludes with a round of questions and answers.

"Interviewing is a skill that students need to have," Bahle said. "It's something they are going to use throughout their professional lives, so they ought to begin practicing."

When planning a mock interview, the

career resource center tries to match corporate interviewers with students from similar degree programs. Sometimes, the matchmaking is so ideal that students have left their mock interview with real jobs.

Bahle said he remembers the very first interview the career resource center ever conducted.

"When the student left the room, one of the business partners turned to me and said: 'What are the ground rules here? I want to hire that student.' So, they did. That has happened any number of times," Bahle said.

Opportunities are amplified owing to the career resource center's mutual partnerships with more than 1,100 companies in the Omaha area and around the nation. Partners include companies like ConAgra, Union Pacific, Qwest, Mutual of Omaha, U.S. Strategic Command and IBM.

If students want to take advantage of these opportunities, Bahle said all they need to do is stop by the career resource center, located in room 391 of the Peter Kiewit Institute. At the center, students can subscribe to the e-mail list to receive notice of any positions open in specific degree programs.

"It takes about two minutes," he said. "There's really no reason not to use this service. It's free."

UNO students who are not involved with PKI can check out the Career Exploration and Outreach Center, located in Eppley Administration Building Room 211. It has similar workshops and networking opportunities.

Students are not the only ones who can utilize the career resource centers. Help is also available to alumni. Bahle said many graduates find jobs using the career center's e-mail list.

"There's no requirement that students who graduate have to remove themselves from the list," he said. "After graduation, they're in all likelihood better candidates if a great opportunity comes along."



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The Career Resource Center is located in the Peter Kiewit Institute. It offers career guidance for all of the College of Information Science and Technology as well as College of Engineering students.

Last year, Bahle said the PKI center sent out 1,856 jobs to students and alumni. So far this year, the center has sent almost 1,500 jobs.

"That doesn't mean you should use our service exclusively, but why wouldn't you?" Bahle said. "It seems to be a given if you really want an internship or a job after graduation, this is a great way to get it."

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California State University, Chico, and the President of the recently sanctioned Chico State chapter of the Brady Campaign to Prevent Gun Violence, feels that the main issue at hand is the continuing rate of gun-related death and violence in the United States.

"One hundred thousand people die from gun violence every year, and that's domestically, and those numbers are too crazy," Heyne said. "As far as I'm concerned, that's way too high. It isn't a Republican issue, it isn't a Democrat issue, it's an issue where our family members

are dying because the access to guns is too easy in America."

Regardless of political affiliation, Heyne says that both sides can avoid the irrelevant and interfering nature of political beliefs that push aside the real issue of security.

"So much of this gets lost in party politics, especially on the side of gun control," Heyne said.

"People think that we're trying to infringe upon their second amendment rights and that's not what we're really trying to work toward."

Is the jolt from that energy drink worth the nutritional risks?

JAN JARVIS
McCLATCHY NEWSPAPERS

Energy — the high-octane kind that pumps up the most stressed-out bodies — is only a sip away.

Or so goes the promise from the more than 500 energy beverages that are fueling fatigued consumers.

Some of the latest additions to this \$3 billion business rely on healthy-sounding ingredients such as vitamin B and ginseng for that extra boost. The names say it best: Cranergy, Crystal Light Energy Wild Strawberry, Dansani Refresh and Revive as well as SoBe Essential Energy.

These fruit juice-spiked drinks are refreshing, but can they really deliver a healthy jolt of energy?

Here are five things everyone should know about this human rocket fuel:

1. The "boost" these drinks provide is not true energy.

Aggressive marketing and urban legends have fueled the popularity of these drinks, said. Damon Schranz, an assistant professor at the University of North Texas Health Science Center. "Some people may actually believe they are health drinks."

But true energy comes from calories, not caffeine, said Lona Sandon, assistant professor of clinical nutrition at the University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center. Most of the drinks deliver lots of sugar, caffeine and other stimulants.

All that caffeine perks people up, makes their heart race and gives them a sense of feeling energized.

"But it's a false sense of energy and any central nervous system stimulation they get is going to be short-

lived," Sandon said. "You could get the same feeling if you took a 10-minute brisk walk."

Ginseng and ginkgo balboa sound like healthy ingredients but there's no proof that they work. Like caffeine, they can stimulate the central nervous system. Jamba Juice's new 3G Charger boost gets its blast of energy from ginseng, the stimulant guarana and 120 mg of "natural" caffeine.

2. Fruit juice-based energy drinks aren't necessarily any healthier than a glass of OJ.

Cranergy "cranberry lift" is a new drink from Ocean Spray fortified with vitamin B and green tea extract.

"People see it and think cranberry juice is very healthy and when you throw in a little herbs then that must be even better," Sandon said. "But vitamin B does not create energy. It works by helping the body metabolize food."

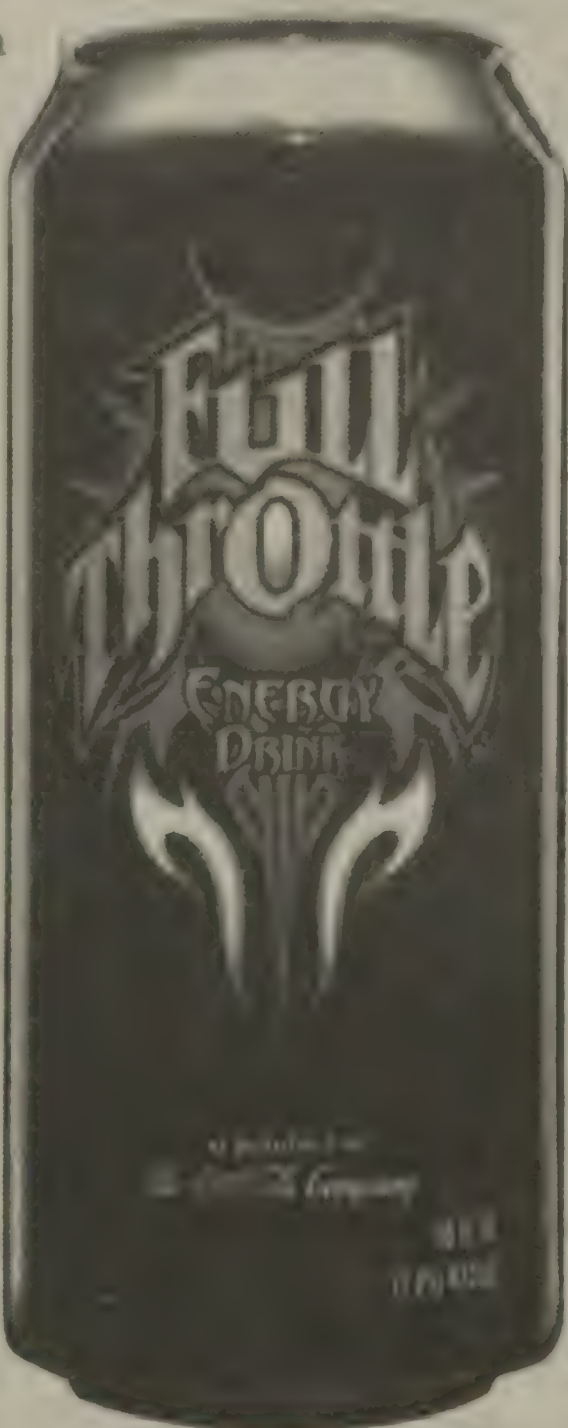
3. Some energy drinks are loaded with sugar.

Arizona Green Tea Energy, SoBe Energy Citrus and Naked Juice Energy Smoothie contain more sugar than a can of Dr Pepper. Sucking down energizing waters or juices can add tons of sugar and about 150 calories.

4. Some can lead to tooth decay.

One health concern with many of the fizzy energy drinks is high acidity levels. Izze juice beverages have recently come out with a fortified version that has 70 percent fruit juice, no added sugar and 10 percent of the daily recommended values of vitamins C and B-6 and niacin. But the fizz in drinks can lead to tooth erosion, Schranz said.

5. For a few, some energy drinks might be dangerous. Guarana, a common ingredient in energy drinks is



a stimulant, but its effect lasts longer than caffeine. Too much may lead to abnormal heart rhythms, especially when combined with alcohol. People who have existing cardiac or seizure disorders should stay clear of these drinks, Schranz said. The stimulant in these drinks can also disrupt the sleep cycle.

Caffeine count

Arizona Green Tea Energy: 200 milligrams
Coffee: 77 milligrams
Crystal Light Energy: 120 milligrams
Enviga: 100 milligrams
Fix: 500 milligrams
Propel Invigorating Water: 50 milligrams
Red Bull: 80 milligrams
Rockstar Roasted: 2+25 milligrams
SoBe Essential Energy: 96 milligrams
Starbucks Grande Coffee: 330 milligrams
VitaminWater Energy Citrus: 42 milligrams
Source: www.energyfiend.com

What's in energy drinks

-Caffeine: Side effects common for 200 milligrams or more.
-Taurine: Amino acid helps regulate heartbeat and muscle contractions.
-Guarana: Comes from South American plants. Increases alertness and energy.
-B vitamins: Convert sugar into energy.
-Ginseng: Herb known to increase energy.
-Ginkgo biloba: Helps memory, concentration and circulation.
-L-Carnitine: Amino acid increases metabolism.
-Sugars
-Antioxidants: Vitamins C and E help the body recover from damage caused by free radicals.
Source: energyfiend.com, drinkhealthydrinks.com

Get Involved!

THE BULLPEN

President: Jon Green

Mission: "The main purpose of the Bullpen is to create an environment where students can meet together and cheer for UNO's sports teams," Green said.

How to Join: To join The Bullpen, visit www.unobullpen.com, click to register and fill in your information. Then visit the group at one of UNO's games and pay a \$10 registration fee to receive your T-shirt and membership card.

Why Join: "The Bullpen is helpful for new students because it provides a great opportunity to meet other students in a fun environment. Everyone comes together with the same purpose and friendships are easily built," Green said.

When and Where: "We don't have any set meetings for the whole group, occasionally they will be called for planning purposes via e-mail and Facebook messaging. Our meetings are the UNO games," Green said.

- Compiled by Jillian Whitney

THE DANCE FLOOR

President: Sarah Loecker

Mission: "One of the main purposes of the Dance Floor at UNO is to introduce students to social dancing not only on campus but also all around the Omaha area. We have every level of dancer in the club and so it's a great way to try something new and meet a lot of new people. We have many experienced members that will teach dances to anyone willing to learn," Loecker said.

How to Join: Just come to a Dance Floor meeting, expecting to give dancing a shot. You don't need a partner, and you are welcome to bring all your friends.

Why Join: "The Dance Floor is a great way for new students to become involved and meet a lot of new friends. It's just great to have a new and different option of something to do with your free time at UNO," Loecker said.

When and Where: Meetings are once every other week in the Health, Physical Education and Recreation Building Dance Lab. Dates and times have not been established, but will be announced on flyers on bulletin boards around campus.

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UN-OTAKU

President: Ross Waldron

Mission: "The organization was started to give Anime lovers around campus a haven to express their interests with everyone else. While Anime is becoming more well-known, it's still fairly new. We want to be the foundation at UNO for this growing media," Waldron said.

How to Join: Just attend a meeting.

Why Join: "UN-Otaku will help new students get acquainted with other that expressed their similar interests in Anime. Meetings will be a time in which new and veteran students alike can mingle, chat, and watch over 2 hours of Japanimation to ease themselves from the stress of the school week," Waladron said.

When and Where: Meetings are Thursday nights on the 3rd floor of the Milo Bail Student Center. Social hour starts at 7 p.m., and viewings start at around 8 p.m. Meetings end at 10 p.m.

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COLLEGIATE ENTREPRENEURS' ORGANIZATION

President: Chris Miller

Mission: "Our purpose is to guide, support, and inspire college students to be entrepreneurial and to seek opportunity through enterprise creation," Miller said.

How to Join: "Students can join by coming to one of our weekly meetings, or by attending any of our special events or by contacting myself or anyone else in the club," Miller said. "Forty dollars for the entire year gets you a t-shirt, food at meetings and reduced prices to the National Conference and other networking events."

Why Join: "CEO helps students get their own business up and running or helps them grow their existing business. We also get our members in touch with local business owners and other student entrepreneurs to provide a valuable network base," Miller said.

When and Where: Tower Room in the Milo Bail Student Center at 4:30 p.m. on Thursdays.

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THE CROP

President: Joy Ill

Mission: "The Crop fosters a community where student writers can gather to discuss current issues in literary writing and publishing, offers a casual and supportive forum for students to read and share their work, receiving constructive feedback from their peers, and organizes and facilitates literary events on campus and in the broader community such as open mics, theme readings, workshops, guest speakers, book signings and more," Ill said.

How to Join: To join, express interest to the president, Joy Ill. Her e-mail address is jill@mail.unomaha.edu.

Why Join: "The Crop helps new students by giving them a support in their writing and in their courses. The friendship The Crop offers truly helps enrich the college experience and assists students in their pursuit of creative writing," Ill said.

When and Where: The Crop has workshops once a month on Saturdays at 5 p.m. They meet at coffee shops around Omaha or on campus. Their first meeting of the semester will be Aug. 30 in Weber Fine Arts Building at 5 p.m.

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THE ROCK

President: Vao Yang

Mission: "Our main purpose in the Rock is to win students to Christ, build the believer and send the laborer. We hope and pray that many would know Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior," Yang said.

How to Join: The Rock has no formal membership, but is affiliated with Candlewood Church. To learn more, visit www.candlewoodcc.org.

Why Join: "The Rock is helpful with new students because we have a positive atmosphere that allows many students to interact with each other and build relationships. We have many activities that go on through out the school year. If you love swing dancing, you'll meet a lot of people that love to swing dance there as well. You might end up becoming a professional swing dancer," Yang said.

When and Where: The Rock's Bible study meets Wednesdays at noon in the Milo Bail Student Center Gallery Room. The Rock meets Wednesdays at 7:24 p.m. in the student center Nebraska Room. For more information, contact candlewoodrock@gmail.com.

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Health library: Personal safety tips for college students

(MCT) – Staying safe at college doesn't mean abandoning your normal life. It means being smart – being aware of risky behaviors and situations and how to avoid them. Ultimately, you're responsible for your own safety and should take steps to protect yourself.

Tips for staying safe at school

All colleges and universities that participate in federal student aid programs are legally required to make campus crime statistics available to students and staff. You can get this information from:

- your college;
- the U.S. Department of Education, which collects statistics from more than 6,000 schools;
- the FBI's Uniform Crime Reporting program, which includes data for about 400 schools; or
- an organization called Security on Campus, which publishes a 'Campus Safety' brochure.

Be sure to check out the safety of the surrounding community. 'On-campus' crime statistics often only cover classrooms, dorms, and common areas – not off-campus housing, clubs, fraternity/sorority houses, or downtown areas.

Safe Campuses Now and Security on Campus offer the following tips:

- Understand your surroundings. Determine the safest routes to your classes, the dining hall, and anywhere else you go regularly. Look for open, well-lit and well-traveled areas. Carry a cell phone if possible, and make sure it's programmed with the telephone number for campus security.
- Never walk alone, especially at night. Travel in a group. At night, call a cab or take a campus bus or shuttle. If you study late or work a late shift alone, check in periodically with a friend. And call a campus security escort to see you home safely.
- Make sure your roommate, friends, and parents know your daily schedule and telephone number. If you go on a date or to the student union for a late snack, let someone know where you're going and when you expect to return.

If you live off campus, apply these same safety standards to student apartment complexes or other living arrangements.

Living in a dormitory, residence hall, or apartment carries additional safety considerations:

- Do the locks work on the doors and windows? Does your door have a deadbolt lock? What about a peephole? If you have a choice, choose a card-access system for your door, which provides more security than standard locks and keys.
- Keep your door locked – whether you're home or away – and don't give anyone your key. Even if a roommate asks you to leave a door unlocked, don't. If you live on the first or second floor, lock your windows and close your blinds, too. And report any propped-open exit doors to your security desk.
- Check whether your dorm has a central entrance monitored throughout the day and night. Showing your ID at the front desk may seem like a hassle, but it protects you and everyone else in the dorm. Don't let anyone else use your ID card to gain entrance to a dorm or classroom building.

– Know your neighbors. If you notice any suspicious or illegal behavior, don't be afraid to report it.

– Be cautious when it comes to phone numbers. Don't leave your name on your answering machine or voice-mail message and program your dorm and cell phones with emergency numbers.

– Don't get on an elevator if someone on board makes you feel uneasy. When you enter an elevator, stand next to the controls. And if you're riding the elevator with a person who makes you uncomfortable, don't get off on your floor – take the elevator to a floor where you know you'll find other people.

– If you ever need help, shout specific words like 'Help,' 'Fire,' or 'Police.' If you just scream, someone may misinterpret the noise and just assume there's a wild party down the hall.

Safety in special situations

Being in control means you are constantly aware of your surroundings and the people around you. It means making careful decisions about intimate relationships and stopping if a partner says 'no.' Being in control also rules out excessive drinking, doing drugs, driving if you've been drinking, and getting into a car driven by anyone who has been drinking.

Alcohol and drug use in particular have serious implications for personal safety. Staying away from situations that involve drugs and excessive drinking can keep you from getting into potentially risky situations in the first place. For instance, steering clear of the drinking and drug scene may help you avoid harmful scenarios such as binge drinking or date rape. (Some students who have been sexually assaulted had their drinks spiked with 'date rape drugs' that altered their awareness and ability to defend themselves.)

To feel more in control if you do ever face a dangerous situation, you may want to learn how to defend yourself. Many campuses offer self-defense classes that teach you how to deal with an attacker. These classes may also give you tips on how to feel safer on campus. When you have the knowledge and tools to protect yourself, you will be able to feel confident and secure at school. After all, the goal is to be safe, not scared.

For more answers and advice from the health experts of Nemours, visit MyStudentHealthZone.com.

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undergraduates. Students in the School for Continuing Studies pay \$1,250 per course.

In addition to the cost, there is little time to get a job.

"I guess this summer I'm spending money instead of earning it," said Kari Rayner, 19, a Northwestern sophomore.

Northrup, who has taught all three courses for the past three years, said his grading curve is more generous during the summer. Students scored an average 62 percent on the second midterm exam, not surprising Northrup, who said he expected their performance to be lower.

"What I say when we start is that we will survive this course together," Northrup said. "It has to be rough for the students. I tell them when they come in that it is more than a full-time job."

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Adjusting to college isn't so hard when you have your posse at your back

TOM HUNDLEY
CHICAGO TRIBUNE

CHICAGO (MCT) — Marcus Sanders, 18, who grew up in Chicago and graduated from the Chicago Military Academy, is a big-city kid not easily intimidated by things that go bump in the night.

But he admitted he was more than a little spooked by an incident that occurred during a recruitment visit to Denison University in rural Granville, Ohio. It was just after midnight and he was walking alone across campus when he heard footsteps behind him.

Or, rather, hoofsteps.

"I turned around and — oh my God — it's a deer. I froze. I'd seen deer before, but I'd never been that close to one before," he recalled with a laugh. "I don't want to say I thought he was going to eat me or anything, but he had very big antlers."

Close encounters with local fauna are just one of the many unanticipated interactions that can make life challenging for minority students from urban backgrounds attending predominantly white private colleges in small-town America. More pressing problems include subtle racism, isolation, a vague vibe that they are viewed as charity cases admitted by virtue of their skin color, and complete bafflement over the affluent, suburban, middle-class culture that prevails at most of these campuses.

Fortunately, Sanders could call upon his posse. As one of 72 Chicago-area high school seniors selected for a Posse Foundation scholarship, Sanders will be attending Denison next fall with nine other Posse Scholars who have spent months working together to make sure they are ready to cope with any challenge that comes their way.

The Posse Foundation is an innovative scheme brought to fruition almost 20 years ago by Deborah Bial, an education specialist who was troubled by the high failure rate of promising minority students recruited by top-tier universities.

One such student explained to her that he would have stayed in school if he'd had his "posse" with him — using the popular urban expression for his network of neighborhood buddies. That's when Bial

hit on the idea of recruiting a cross-section of kids from urban public high schools, bonding them into cohesive groups of 10 or 12, and sending them off, en masse, to some of the nation's best universities.

The program, which started off as a shoestring operation in New York, has expanded into a well financed and highly praised organization with offices in six cities, including Chicago, and an annual budget of \$8 million.

To date, some 2,200 Posse Foundation scholars have gone off to 28 universities with \$220 million worth of full-tuition scholarships in their pockets. Last year, the John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation awarded Bial one of its "genius" grants for her work as an education innovator.

But the most significant measure of Bial's success is the 90 percent graduation rate of Posse Foundation scholars — far higher than the national rate of about 50 percent for all freshman entering four-year institutions.

"Historically, a lot of programs that aim to help these students are looking at what's wrong with them — they are poor kids, they are at-risk kids, they are kids from urban high schools. We take a different approach. We're looking at what's right with them. We are a strength-based program," Bial explains.

She also stresses that Posse is a not minority program or an affirmative action program, but rather a diversity program that enables small liberal arts colleges "to represent the true demographics of the U.S."

The organization takes a non-traditional approach to recruitment, scouring inner-city high schools for youngsters who show leadership qualities and group interactive skills that would not necessarily be reflected in their grade-point average or SAT scores.

"In the first round [of the selection process], we don't even look at grades or transcripts," says Chastity Lord, the program director of Posse Chicago.

Once the candidates have been identified, they are placed in group situations where their interpersonal skills can be evaluated by Posse staff members. A rigorous winnowing process follows.

"We put them into dynamic settings —

large groups, small groups — and observe them as they interact with their peers. We are looking for noncognitive traits that we think can predict success: leadership skills, the ability to resolve conflict. It's the same thing you would be looking for if you were hiring someone in the corporate world," Bial says.

At the end of the process, college admissions offices are presented with a group of 20 or so candidates from which a posse of 10 or 12 is chosen.

The participating colleges love it.

"It affords us the opportunity to recruit from areas we would not normally recruit from, and to see students we would not normally see," says Lisa Scott, director of equity and diversity at Denison.

Those sentiments would be echoed by the admissions office of almost any small Midwestern liberal arts college. Eager for diversity and multiculturalism, these top-quality institutions try hard to attract minority students, but because they are not big, urban or famous for their athletic teams, they often see their best prospects choose schools that are.

Denison, which has 2,100 students and yearly tuition and fees of \$41,580, has been participating in the Posse Foundation program for eight years. This fall it will be accepting two posesses, one from Chicago and another from Boston.

"It took a little bit of time to get our rhythm, but this has been a highly successful program for us," says Scott.

At each year's graduation, Denison awards six seniors a Presidential Medal, the school's highest academic honor. This year, two of the six were Posse scholars, Scott says.

For bright kids from inner-city backgrounds, getting into a quality college is the easy part; staying in is much harder. The culture shock can be overwhelming.

"It's not rocket science," says Bial of her approach to the problem. "If you can find a way to fit into a community, you are more likely to stay. And if you do have a problem, you

won't turn around and go home if you have your posse with you."

When Sanders, the Denison recruit, discovered he was being stalked by a deer, he reached for his mobile phone and called a member of his posse for advice. The advice was to keep walking. What is significant is that Sanders' first instinct — to turn to his posse — is pretty much what he has been prepped to do over the last several months.

Once a candidate has been selected as a Posse scholar, the training and preparation begin in earnest. Starting in December or January, the posse meets once a week after school to hone their academic, leadership and team skills.

"We want our students to be not just social leaders, but academic leaders. We want them to sit in the front; to raise their hands; to know their professors and to be part of the debate," says Bial.

The intensive workshops continue through the summer. This is where the

critical bonds of trust are forged.

"Oh, we've had some rough spots, had some arguments, but overall this is a real strong group," says Daphne Martin, 17, a graduate of Hyde Park Academy and a member of the posse who will soon be heading to Denison.

"Most of us lived in the big city all our lives, never in a small town, so acclimating to this new environment will be a challenge," she says. "Having the posse, we know we'll be there for each other."

Aderonke Adedokun, 17 and a graduate of Lincoln Park High School, is certainly a product of the big city in her case, Chicago and Lagos, Nigeria. She is what college admissions officers call a



Raymond Wilson, 19, from left, Derrick Hearn, 18, and Bryanna Hopkins, 18, talk at the Posse Foundation in Chicago, Illinois, July 14, 2008. (Antonio Perez/Chicago Tribune/MCT)

"non-traditional student."

Her father, who ran a small business in Lagos, immigrated to Chicago in the mid-1990s and now drives a cab. Four years ago, he brought Adedokun and her older sister to the U.S. so that they could go to school here. His wife remained in Nigeria.

Adedokun was considering the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign when she was nominated for a Posse scholarship. It changed her outlook.

"I decided I wanted to experience something different. I wanted to experience people from different social backgrounds," she says.

The smaller size of classes at Denison and a faculty that promises to be closely engaged with the students also appealed to her.

"I think it might be a little harder [at Denison], but with the posse I think it will be OK," she says.

In addition to Denison, this year's crop of Posse Chicago's 72 scholarship winners will be heading to Carleton College in Minnesota, DePauw University in Indiana, Oberlin College in Ohio and Pomona College in California, as well as the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign and the University of Wisconsin-Madison.

Sanders, Martin and Adedokun were good students in high school. All were destined for college, but for financial reasons each of them says they would have been limited to choosing from among low-tuition state universities.

The Posse Foundation expanded the possibilities. Small, private liberal-arts colleges, once reserved for the children of the well-to-do, were suddenly on their radar.

Now, with the eternal optimism of youth, they are ready to take on Denison and the world.

"I plan to surpass all expectations, even my own," Martin says.



Jesus Gomez, 18, from left, Aderonke Adedokun, 17, Derrick Hearn, 18, Daphne Martin, 17, Raymond Wilson, 19, Bryanna Hopkins, 18, pose for portrait at the Posse Foundation in Chicago, Illinois. Posse Foundation is an innovative scheme brought to fruition almost 20 years ago by Deborah Bial, an education specialist who was troubled by the high failure rate of promising minority students recruited by top-tier universities. (Antonio Perez/Chicago Tribune/MCT)

‘Take a Peek at the Greeks:’ Get to know the Greek community

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If all you know about Greek life is what you’ve seen in low-budget, going-to-college teen movies, you should take a closer look.

UNO’s Greek community is divided into four councils – the Interfraternity Council, the Panhellenic Council, the National Pan-Hellenic Council and the Multicultural Greek Council. Together with the Greek adviser, these councils oversee the six active fraternities and eight active sororities on campus.

The Greeks are centered around seven community principles outlined in “Greek Ideals: A Foundation for the Future.” Those ideals are comprised of complementing the academic mission of the university, developing leadership in members, serving the community, character development, personal development, community building and fostering life-long friendships.

Although the chapters differ in important ways – size, philanthropic interests, personality, opportunities, etc. – they all try to live up to the goals inspired by those principles.

The National Pan-Hellenic Council consists of the fraternities and sororities commonly known as the “Divine Nine” – nine national organizations predominantly comprised of African American women and men. Of those, UNO has four active NPHC chapters.

The Multicultural Greek Council was just started last spring by President Roger Garcia, who also serves as the director of the American Multicultural Students student agency. The council serves the two predominantly Latino organizations on campus: Sigma Lambda Beta and Lambda Theta Nu.

Garcia and NPHC President De’Sean Young both said their councils had a different approach to philanthropy than the “traditional”

Greeks – those of the Interfraternity and Panhellenic councils.

The traditional Greek organizations have a nationally selected philanthropic interest, for instance Zeta Tau Alpha supports breast cancer research and awareness and participate in national and local events for that cause. The other councils’ chapters, however, contribute to a variety of causes, particularly those relevant to their communities.

Garcia said, for instance, that Sigma Lambda Beta’s primary aim was community service to benefit the Latino community. That service mission is central to that particular fraternity’s culture.

The councils also differ in how they intake new members.

The NPHC and MGC chapters conduct intake programs throughout the academic year, and they don’t have the formalized “rush week” events that the traditional Greek councils do. Even among the IFC and the PHC, however, serious differences exist in recruitment procedures.

The Interfraternity Council has an open-bid system before the school year, meaning that prospective members who know for certain which fraternity they are interested in joining can receive a bid from that chapter and sign without participating in formal recruitment. After noon on Aug. 25, however, any other prospects – along with those who haven’t made up their minds yet – can participate in formal recruitment activities.

Tyler Micek, IFC vice president for recruitment, said the council started this open bid period this year out of concerns some men were “kind of wasting their time” going through formal recruitment when their mind was already made up.

“We have had quite a few people in the process of signing before school starts,” Micek

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Formal Recruitment Weeks

Panhellenic Council (Women)

Monday, Aug. 18

General Information Night

Meet the Rho Gammas recruitment guides to learn about Greek life, the various chapters and to ask any questions. Attire is casual – jeans and a cute shirt.

Tuesday, Aug. 19

Video and Orientation Night

Meet with each chapter to learn more about them. Attire is casual – jeans and a cute shirt or a summer dress.

Wednesday, Aug. 20

Philanthropy Night

Learn about each chapter’s philanthropy and financial obligations. Attire is business – black pants and a dress shirt, or similar clothes.

Thursday, Aug. 21

Skit Night

Each chapter performs a skit about what Greek life means to them. Attire is dressier – a skirt or summer dress, something appropriate for a summer wedding.

Friday, Aug. 22

Preference Night

Get more personal with sorority members to learn about their experiences, and then decide which sorority you would like to join. Attire is dressier – a cocktail or prom dress appropriate for a night-time party.

Saturday, Aug. 23

Bid Night

Find out which sorority has invited you to join and meet your new sisters.

Interfraternity Council (Men)

Tuesday, Sept. 3

Information Night

Learn about each chapter with a general information session and overview of Greek life with each fraternity. If you are ready, you can fill out a preference card and return Thursday; otherwise, come back on Wednesday.

Wednesday, Sept. 4

Optional Night

Meet with each of the fraternities on more of a one-on-one basis to learn about each chapter in more depth. At the end of the night, fill out a preference card.

Thursday, Sept. 5

Preference Night

Make sure all your questions have been answered, and determine which fraternity IS the best fit for you and vice versa.

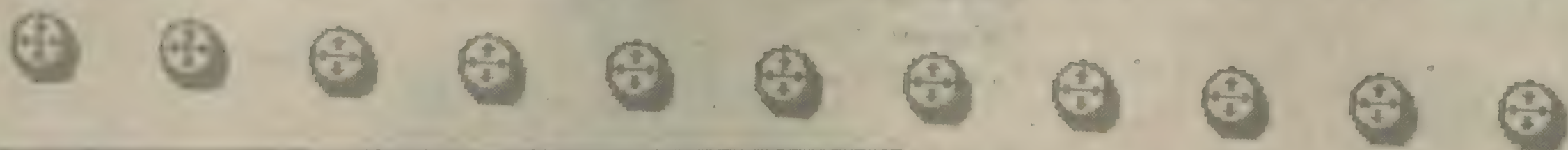
Friday, Sept. 6

Bid Night

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PI KAPPA ALPHA

Organization: Pi Kappa Alpha
Chapter: Delta Chi
Council: Interfraternity Council

Philanthropy: Just Can It!

Flower: Lily of the Valley
Symbols: The Oak Tree, Shield & Diamond, White Horse
Colors: Garnet and Old Gold
Motto: "Once a Pike ... Always a Pike"

Headquarters: Memphis
Organization Established: March 1, 1868

Chapter Web site: <http://www.unopikes.org/>
National Web site: <http://www.pikes.org/>

LAMBDA CHI ALPHA

Organization: Lambda Chi Alpha
Chapter: Iota Delta Zeta
Council: Interfraternity Council

Philanthropy: North American Food Drive

Flower: White Rose
Symbol: Cross and Crescent
Colors: Purple, Green and Gold
Motto: "Every Man a Man"

Headquarters: Indianapolis
Organization Established: Nov. 2, 1909

Chapter Web site: <http://www.unolca.org/>
National Web site: <http://www.lambdachi.org/>

CHI OMEGA

Organization: Chi Omega
Chapter: Zeta Delta
Council: Panhellenic Council

Philanthropy: Make-a-Wish Foundation

Flower: White Carnation
Symbols: Owl, skull and crossbones
Colors: Cardinal and Straw
Motto: "Hellenic Culture and Christian Ideals"

Headquarters: Memphis
Organization Established: April 5, 1895

Chapter Web site: <http://chiomega-zetadelta.blogspot.com/>
National Web site: <http://www.chiomega.com/>

ALPHA XI DELTA

Organization: Alpha Xi Delta
Chapter: Gamma Delta
Council: Panhellenic Council

Philanthropy: Choose Children & Ronald McDonald House

Flower: Pink Rose
Symbol: Quill
Colors: Double Blue (light and dark blue) and Gold
Motto: "The Pen is Mightier than the Sword"

Headquarters: Indianapolis
Organization Established: April 17, 1893

Chapter Web site: <http://www.unomaha.edu/alphaxidelta/>
National Web site: <http://www.alphaxidelta.org/>

THETA CHI

Organization: Theta Chi
Chapter: Delta Zeta
Council: Interfraternity Council

Philanthropies: Sienna/Francis House, Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation

Flower: Red Carnation
Symbol: Rattlesnake
Colors: Military Red and White
Motto: "Extending a Helping Hand"

Headquarters: Indianapolis
Organization Established: April 10, 1856

Chapter Web site: <http://www.oxdz.com/>
National Web site: <http://www.thetachi.org/>

SIGMA PHI EPSILON

Organization: Sigma Phi Epsilon
Chapter: NE Beta
Council: Interfraternity Council

Philanthropy: Youth AIDS

Flower: Violet and Dark Red Rose
Symbol: Golden Heart
Colors: Purple and Red
Motto: "Leaders for the World's Communities"

Headquarters: Richmond, Va.
Organization Established: Nov. 1, 1901

Chapter Web site: <http://unosigep.org/>
National Web site: <http://www.sigep.org/>

ZETA TAU ALPHA

Organization: Zeta Tau Alpha
Chapter: Gamma Mu
Council: Panhellenic Council

Philanthropy: Komen for the Cure (breast cancer) Foundation

Flower: White Violet
Symbol: Five-point Crown, Strawberry
Colors: Turquoise Blue and Steel Gray
Motto: "Seek the Noblest"

Headquarters: Indianapolis
Organization Established: Oct. 15, 1898

Chapter Web site: <http://www.uno-zta.com/>
National Web site: <http://www.zetataualpha.org/>

SIGMA KAPPA

Organization: Sigma Kappa
Chapter: Beta Omega
Council: Panhellenic Council

Philanthropies: Gerontology, Alzheimer's Association & Main Sea Coast

Flower: Violet
Symbol: Dove, Heart
Colors: Maroon and Lavender
Motto: "One Heart, One Way"

Headquarters: Indianapolis
Organization Established: Nov. 9, 1874

Chapter Web site: <http://www.unomaha.edu/sigmakappa/>
National Web site: <http://www.sigmakappa.org/>

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ALPHA KAPPA ALPHA

Organization: Alpha Kappa Alpha
Chapter: Gamma Beta
Council: National Pan-Hellenic Council

Flower: Pink Tea Rose
Symbol: Ivy Leaf
Colors: Salmon Pink and Apple Green
Motto: "By Culture and By Merit"

Headquarters: Chicago
Organization Established: Jan. 15, 1908

Regional Web site: <http://www.akamidwestern.com/>
National Web site: <http://www.aka1908.com/>

PHI BETA SIGMA

Organization: Phi Beta Sigma
Chapter: Alpha Alpha Delta
Council: National Pan-Hellenic Council

Flower: White Carnation
Symbol: Dove
Colors: Royal Blue and Pure White
Motto: "Culture for Service and Service for Humanity"

Headquarters: Washington, D.C.
Organization Established: Jan. 9, 1914

Chapter Web site: <http://www.onesigmas.org/>
National Web site: <http://www.pbs1914.org/>

SIGMA LAMBDA BETA

Organization: Sigma Lambda Beta
Chapter: Delta Beta
Council: Multicultural Greek Council

Flower: Red Carnation
Symbol: White Stallion Mustang
Colors: Royal Purple and Pure White
Motto: "Opportunity for Wisdom, Wisdom for Culture"

Headquarters: Iowa City, Iowa
Organization Established: April 4, 1986

Chapter Web site: <http://www.unomaha.edu/omahabetas/>
National Web site: <http://www.sigmalambdabeta.com/>

SIGMA GAMMA RHO

Organization: Sigma Gamma Rho
Chapter: Gamma Beta Sigma
Council: National Pan-Hellenic Council

Flower: Yellow Tea Rose
Symbol: French Toy Poodle
Colors: Royal Blue and Gold
Motto: "Greater Service, Greater Progress"

Headquarters: Cary, N.C.
Organization Established: Nov. 12, 1922

Regional Web site: <http://www.sgrhocentral.org/>
National Web site: <http://www.sgrho1922.org/>

DELTA SIGMA THETA

Organization: Delta Sigma Theta
Chapter: Gamma Xi
Council: National Pan-Hellenic Council

Flower: African Violet
Symbol: Fortitude
Colors: Crimson and Cream
Motto: "Intelligence is the Torch of Wisdom"

Headquarters: Washington, D.C.
Organization Established: Jan. 13, 1913

Chapter Web site: <http://omahadeltas.org/>
National Web site: <http://www.deltasigmatheta.org/>

LAMBDA THETA NU

Organization: Lambda Theta Nu
Chapter: Omicron
Council: Multicultural Greek Council

Flower: Rose
Symbol: Step dancing and Machetes
Colors: Silver, Burgundy and White
Motto: N/A

Headquarters: San Diego, Calif.
Organization Established: March 11, 1986

Chapter Web site: N/A
National Web site: <http://www.lambdathetanu.org/>

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From **GREEKS: Page 21-A** said.

Micek also added that, because of concerns with the process, a "double check" was instituted: to sign before school starts, the bid must be signed in front of the Greek advisor or an IFC executive member not from the pledging fraternity.

"That hopefully gets rid of anyone signing without being 100 percent sure about which fraternity they want to join," Micek said.

PHC President Kiley Clemens said that women wanting to join a traditional Greek sorority had different procedures.

"The formal recruitment works different for the women than for the men," Clemens said. "It's kind of much more formal than the men."

Clemens said anyone wanting to join one of the four sororities - Alpha Xi Delta, Chi Omega, Sigma Kappa or Zeta Tau Alpha - had to go through a six day formal recruitment culminating on Saturday, Aug. 23, at noon, when - on the stroke of the Henningson Memorial Campanile - participants find out which sorority they were invited to join.

"A lot of people are very intimidated by the process, and I don't think they realize that it's fun," Clemens said, adding she didn't think the process was that stressful either.

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Joining the MIAA: Stepping forward, while looking back

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KANSAS CITY, Mo. — With the summer coming to a close, it's finally official: the North Central Conference is no more.

After 57 years of action, including dozens of team national titles and hundreds of individual nationals, the conference gave way after larger programs — such as Northern Colorado, North Dakota State and South Dakota State — made the transition to Division I athletics.

The various NCC schools have gone their separate ways, and UNO has found its new home in the south with the Mid-American Intercollegiate Athletics Association.

In doing so, UNO joins 10 of the toughest teams in Division II athletics: Central Missouri, Emporia State, Fort Hays State, Missouri Southern State, Missouri Western State, Northwest Missouri State, Pittsburg State, Southwest Baptist, Truman State and Washburn.

UNO Athletic Director David Miller, speaking in Omaha, said there's no cakewalk in the conference. The Mavericks will have to play their best to win championships.

"I've said a number of times that when the North Central started losing the teams to Division I, I think the MIAA overtook them as the most competitive and strongest conference in DII," Miller said. "It's a strong conference, and with the addition of UNO, it's going to make the conference even stronger."

After a long pause, Miller added with a laugh: "I am looking forward to it, though. I am looking forward to it."

The MIAA includes one Division II national champion, Central Missouri, which won the honor in 1994 and again in 2003, coming in second in 2001. Missouri Southern State and Fort Hays State both also fell one game short of the title, in 1991 and 2000 respectively.

Final rankings for the National Association of Collegiate Directors of Athletics' Directors' Cup have also been good to the MIAA, with three teams in last year's top 25: Emporia State (11th), Central Missouri (18th) and Truman State (24th). The Mavericks came in seventh out of the 231 programs that were included in the rankings.

Reflections on media day

The conference, preparing for the upcoming football season, held a media day in Kansas City on Aug. 4 in Arrowhead Stadium. Kansas City will be the location for the new MIAA headquarters being built downtown.

UNO's addition to the conference, as well as Fort Hays State in 2006, helps shift the conference from being primarily located in Missouri, thereby making Kansas City a more centrally located seat for the conference administration.

"We set the tone when we walk out of here today, and we hope to wrap that up with a great baseball championship on May 11 and send the message to Kansas City how important they are to us and how important we are to them," said MIAA Commissioner Jim Johnson in his opening remarks.

At the media day, coaches from across the conference praised UNO football in particular and Maverick athletics in general as a healthy addition — and a challenging foe — to the conference.

"The addition of Nebraska-Omaha in our league will make us that much better,"

said Mel Tjeerdsma, head coach of football at Northwest Missouri State. "We know that, we've been playing them. Unfortunately, we can't figure out how to beat them."

Craig Schurig, head coach for football at Washburn, said the addition of UNO "adds another championship caliber team to the conference and puts our conference as one of the top conferences in the country, bar none."

Schurig also mentioned the exit from Southern Baptist from the conference's football schedule as a positive, saying there was a "big difference" between playing the Bearcats and the Mavericks. Southern Baptist opted to play an independent schedule in hopes of revitalizing their program after several losing seasons in the MIAA.

"During the past 19 years, we've been competitive in most sports, with the exception of football," said Southern Baptist President C. Pat Taylor in a statement last summer. "We've had some good coaches and good players, but the complex situation of the economics of scholarships has prevented us from consistently fielding a competitive team."

Others at the media day saw UNO's entry to the MIAA as an opportunity not only to create new rivalries but also to rekindle old ones.

"Nebraska-Omaha at one time used to be in the same conference as Pittsburg State," said Chuck Broyles, head coach for football at Pittsburg State. "They do a great job up there."

Tyler Madsen, a media relations assistant at Truman State, says his school already has a rivalry with UNO because of women's soccer, where the teams have played in previous seasons. Last year, Truman State defeated UNO in women's soccer 2-1 on Sept. 8, only to fall to UNO 3-0 later on in the season on Nov. 9 — ending their season.

"They're a team we've always wanted to try to take down, but it's always been tough," Madsen said. "Just bringing in a quality program like UNO really makes it exciting; it brings up the level of competition across the board."

Truman State's senior quarterback Matt Ticich also praised the Maverick's increased competitiveness on the football field.

"Obviously, UNO is a very successful



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program," Ticich said. "It just made our conference that much better. [It's] a team that can knock off Northwest, definitely one of the best around."

For UNO's part, Football Head Coach Pat Behrns said he had no illusions about the level of play in the conference.

"We feel very, very fortunate to even be a part of this," Behrns said. "About a year ago this time of year, we weren't sure where we were going to be."

The heightened level of play is also capturing the interest of some fans of Maverick athletics who hope the new conference will invigorate interest in the program.

Miller said he often thinks that if UNO students would come out to a couple games, they would sense the excitement and competitiveness of Maverick athletics.

"I would hope our students would realize that we are playing at a very high level of intercollegiate athletics, against very, very good programs," Miller said. "The talents — the product — that [students] see on the field of play is quite good."

With the move to the MIAA, the hope is that the quality will only get better.



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Truman State

Name: Truman State University
Location: Kirksville, Mo.
Distance from Caniglia Field: 283 miles (4 hours, 46 minutes)

Nickname: Bulldogs
Web site: gobulldogs.truman.edu

Joined MIAA: 1912
Athletic Budget: \$3.96 million
Directors Cup Finish: 24th (437.5 points)

Coaches' Poll - Cross Country: 6th (27 points)
Coaches' Poll - Football: 8th (22 points)
Coaches' Poll - Soccer: 3rd (53 points)
Coaches' Poll - Volleyball: 1st (93 points)

Stadium: Stokes Stadium
Capacity: 4,000
Surface: Grass

Total Enrollment: 5,920
Undergraduate Enrollment: 5,608
Gender Breakdown: 42.6 percent men, 57.4 percent women

In-State Tuition & Fees: \$5,812
Out-of-State Tuition & Fees: \$9,992

Admissions Rate: 81.3 percent
Composite ACT Scores: 25th percentile - 25, 75th percentile - 30

Retention Rate: 88 percent full time
Graduation Rate: 70 percent

Varsity Athletes by Program: Men's Baseball - 22, Men's Basketball - 15, Women's Basketball - 13, Men's Football - 108, Men's Golf - 11, Women's Golf - 11, Men's Soccer - 29, Women's Soccer - 25, Women's Softball - 15, Men's Swimming - 21, Women's Swimming - 24, Men's Tennis - 10, Women's Tennis - 10, Men's Track/Cross Country - 72, Women's Track/Cross Country - 55, Women's Volleyball - 19, Men's Wrestling - 26

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Missouri Western State

Name: Missouri Western State University
Location: St. Joseph, Mo.
Distance from Caniglia Field: 137 miles (2 hours, 13 minutes)

Nickname: Griffons
Web site: gogriffons.com

Joined MIAA: 1989
Athletic Budget: \$4.18 million
Directors Cup Finish: 199th (44 points)

Coaches' Poll - Cross Country: N/A
Coaches' Poll - Football: 5th (51 points)
Coaches' Poll - Soccer: 8th (17 points)
Coaches' Poll - Volleyball: 11th (16 points)

Stadium: Spratt Stadium
Capacity: 6,000
Surface: Artificial

Total Enrollment: 5,342
Undergraduate Enrollment: 5,301
Gender Breakdown: 41.6 percent men, 58.4 percent women

In-State Tuition & Fees: \$4,778
Out-of-State Tuition & Fees: \$8,408

Admissions Rate: N/A (Open Admissions)
Average ACT Composite Score: 19.7

Retention Rate: 60 percent full-time, 37 percent part-time
Overall Graduation Rate: 31 percent

Varsity Athletes by Program: Men's Baseball - 39, Men's Basketball - 14, Women's Basketball - 12, Men's Football - 117, Men's Golf - 15, Women's Golf - 5, Women's Soccer - 20, Women's Softball - 17, Women's Tennis - 11, Women's Volleyball - 14

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Pittsburg State

Name: Pittsburg State University
Location: Pittsburg, Kan.
Distance from Caniglia Field: 309 miles (4 hours, 56 minutes)

Nickname: Gorillas
Web site: pittstategorillas.com

Joined MIAA: 1989
Athletic Budget: \$5.18 million
Directors Cup Finish: 106th (171 points)

Coaches' Poll - Cross Country: 2nd (57 points)
Coaches' Poll - Football: 3rd (64 points)
Coaches' Poll - Soccer: N/A
Coaches' Poll - Volleyball: 3rd (84 points)

Stadium: Carnie Smith Stadium
Capacity: 8,348
Surface: Artificial

Total Enrollment: 7,087
Undergraduate Enrollment: 5,872
Gender Breakdown: 52.4 percent men, 47.6 percent women

In-State Tuition & Fees: \$3,562
Out-of-State Tuition & Fees: \$10,444

Admissions Rate: 87.5 percent
Composite ACT Scores: 25th percentile - 18, 75th percentile - 23

Retention Rates: 74 percent full-time, 57 percent part-time
Overall Graduation Rate: 52 percent

Varsity Athletes by Program: Men's Track - 57, Women's Track - 39, Men's Baseball - 43, Men's Basketball - 16, Women's Basketball - 11, Men's Football - 140, Men's Golf - 9, Women's Softball - 23, Women's Volleyball - 16

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Emporia State

Name: Emporia State University
Location: Emporia, Kan.
Distance from Caniglia Field: 231 miles (4 hours, 9 minutes)

Nickname: Hornets
Web site: emporia.edu/athletics

Joined MIAA: 1991
Athletic Budget: \$3.44 million
Directors Cup Finish: 11th (568.5 points)

Coaches' Poll - Cross Country: 9th (14 points)
Coaches' Poll - Football: 10th (12 points)
Coaches' Poll - Soccer: 9th (8 points)
Coaches' Poll - Volleyball: 5th (70 points)

Stadium: Welch Stadium
Capacity: 7,000
Surface: Artificial

Total Enrollment: 6,354
Undergraduate Enrollment: 4,320
Gender Breakdown: 38.4 percent men, 61.6 percent women

In-State Tuition & Fees: \$3,306
Out-of-State Tuition & Fees: \$10,658

Admissions Rate: 79.9 percent
ACT Composite Scores: 25th percentile - 19, 75th percentile - 25

Retention Rates: 72 percent full-time, 62 percent part-time
Overall Graduation Rate: 45 percent

Varsity Athletes by Program: Men's Track - 72, Women's Track - 46, Men's Baseball - 43, Men's Basketball - 13, Women's Basketball - 12, Men's Football - 103, Women's Soccer - 20, Women's Softball - 17, Men's Tennis - 6, Women's Tennis - 6, Women's Volleyball - 11

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Washburn

Name: Washburn University

Location: Topeka, Kan.

Distance from Caniglia Field: 171 miles (3 hours, 20 minutes)

Nickname: Ichabods/Lady Blues

Web site: wusports.com

Joined MIAA: 1989

Athletic Budget: \$2.94 million

Directors Cup Finish: 37th (355 points)

Coaches' Poll - Cross Country: N/A

Coaches' Poll - Football: 4th (55 points)

Coaches' Poll - Soccer: 4th (47 points)

Coaches' Poll - Volleyball: 2nd (88 points)

Stadium: Yager Stadium

Capacity: 7,200

Surface: Artificial

Total Enrollment: 6,901

Undergraduate Enrollment: 6,020

Gender Breakdown: 38.9 percent men, 61.1 percent women

In-State Tuition & Fees: \$4,982

Out-of-State Tuition & Fees: \$11,192

Admissions Rate: 100 percent

Composite ACT Scores: 25th percentile - 19, 75th percentile - 25

Retention Rates: 61 percent full-time, 42 percent part-time

Overall Graduation Rate: 49 percent

Varsity Athletes by Program: Men's Baseball - 43, Men's Basketball - 14, Women's Basketball - 16, Men's Football - 108, Men's Golf - 8, Women's Soccer - 21, Women's Softball - 20, Men's Track - 8, Women's Track - 7, Women's Volleyball - 16

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Nebraska-Omaha

Name: University of Nebraska at Omaha

Location: Omaha, Neb.

Nickname: Mavericks

Web site: gomavs.unomaha.edu

Joined MIAA: 2008

Athletic Budget: \$8.18 million

Directors Cup Finish: 7th (612 points)

Coaches' Poll - Cross Country: 7th (20 points)

Coaches' Poll - Football: 2nd (73 points)

Coaches' Poll - Soccer: 1st (60 points)

Coaches' Poll - Volleyball: 6th (56 points)

Stadium: Caniglia Field

Capacity: 9,500

Surface: Artificial

Total Enrollment: 14,156

Undergraduate Enrollment: 11,331

Gender Breakdown: 48.3 percent men, 51.7 percent women

In-State Tuition & Fees: \$4,825

Out-of-State Tuition & Fees: \$12,872

Admissions Rate: 85.9 percent

ACT Composite Scores: 25th percentile - 20, 75th percentile - 26

Retention Rates: 74 percent full-time, 41 percent part-time

Overall Graduation Rate: 41 percent

Varsity Athletes by Program: Men's Baseball - 38, Men's Basketball - 14, Women's Basketball - 13, Men's Football - 99, Women's Golf - 7, Men's Ice Hockey - 26, Women's Soccer - 23, Women's Softball - 18, Women's Swimming & Diving - 28, Women's Tennis - 9, Women's Track/Cross Country - 23, Women's Volleyball - 15, Men's Wrestling - 28

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Missouri Southern State

Name: Missouri Southern State University

Location: Joplin, Mo.

Distance from Caniglia Field: 341 miles (5 hours, 32 minutes)

Nickname: Lions

Web site: mssu.edu/athletics

Joined MIAA: 1989

Athletic Budget: \$3.71 million

Directors Cup Finish: 32nd (385.25 points)

Coaches' Poll - Cross Country: 1st (63 points)

Coaches' Poll - Football: 7th (33 points)

Coaches' Poll - Soccer: 6th (31 points)

Coaches' Poll - Volleyball: 8th (34 points)

Stadium: Fred G. Hughes Stadium

Capacity: 7,000

Surface: Artificial

Total Enrollment: 5,593

Undergraduate Enrollment: 5,593

Gender Breakdown: 40 percent men, 60 percent women

In-State Tuition & Fees: \$3,668

Out-of-State Tuition & Fees: \$7,168

Admissions Rate: 98.5 percent

ACT Composite Scores: 25th percentile - 19, 75th percentile - 25

Retention Rates: 62 percent full-time, 36 percent part-time

Overall Graduation Rate: 33 percent

Varsity Athletes by Program: Men's Track - 84, Women's Track - 86, Men's Baseball - 34, Men's Basketball - 14, Women's Basketball - 10, Men's Football - 108, Men's Golf - 12, Men's Soccer - 26, Women's Soccer - 20, Women's Softball - 24, Women's Tennis - 7, Women's Volleyball - 17

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Northwest Missouri State

Name: Northwest Missouri State University
Location: Maryville, Mo.

Distance from Caniglia Field: 115 miles (2 hours, 6 minutes)

Nickname: Bearcats
Web site: nwmissouri.edu/sports

Joined MIAA: 1912
Athletic Budget: \$5.01 million
Directors Cup Finish: 44th (329 points)

Coaches' Poll - Cross Country: 8th (19 points)
Coaches' Poll - Football: 1st (76 points)
Coaches' Poll - Soccer: 7th (20 points)
Coaches' Poll - Volleyball: 7th (41 points)

Stadium: Mel Tjeerdsma Field
Capacity: 6,500
Surface: Artificial

Total Enrollment: 6,511
Undergraduate Enrollment: 5,661
Gender Breakdown: 44.2 percent men, 55.8 percent women

In-State Tuition & Fees: \$5,535
Out-of-State Tuition & Fees: \$9,540

Admissions Rate: 75.3 percent
Composite ACT Scores: 25th percentile - 20, 75th percentile - 25

Retention Rates: 73 percent full-time, 43 percent part-time

Overall Graduation Rate: 52 percent

Varsity Athletes by Program: Men's Track - 57, Women's Track - 42, Men's Baseball - 38, Men's Basketball - 17, Women's Basketball - 11, Men's Football - 126, Women's Soccer - 23, Women's Softball - 15, Men's Tennis - 10, Women's Tennis - 8, Women's Volleyball - 18

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Southwest Baptist

Name: Southwest Baptist University
Location: Bolivar, Mo.

Distance from Caniglia Field: 328 miles (5 hours, 20 minutes)

Nickname: Bearcats
Web site: sbuniv.edu/athletics

Joined MIAA: 1986
Athletic Budget: \$4.07 million
Directors Cup Finish: 67th (266 points)

Coaches' Poll - Cross Country: 3rd (50 points)
Coaches' Poll - Football: N/A
Coaches' Poll - Soccer: 5th (34 points)
Coaches' Poll - Volleyball: 10th (19 points)

Stadium: Plaster Stadium
Capacity: 3,000
Surface: Grass

Total Enrollment: 3,539
Undergraduate Enrollment: 2,752
Gender Breakdown: 34.6 percent men, 65.4 percent women

Tuition and Fees: \$12,450

Application Rate: 64.6 percent
Composite ACT Scores: 25th percentile - 20, 75th percentile - 26

Retention Rate: 72 percent full-time
Overall Graduation Rate: 47 percent

Varsity Athletes by Program: Men's Baseball - 33, Men's Basketball - 15, Women's Basketball - 12, Men's Football - 116, Men's Golf - 10, Women's Soccer - 37, Women's Softball - 21, Men's Tennis - 8, Women's Tennis - 11, Men's Track/Cross Country - 35, Women's Track/Cross Country - 24, Women's Volleyball - 16

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Central Missouri

Name: University of Central Missouri
Location: Warrensburg, Mo.

Distance from Caniglia Field: 255 miles (4 hours, 4 minutes)

Nickname: Mules/Jennies
Web site: ucmo.edu/athletics

Joined MIAA: 1912
Athletic Budget: \$6.01 million
Directors Cup Finish: 18th (477 points)

Coaches' Poll - Cross Country: 4th (40 points)
Coaches' Poll - Football: 6th (47 points)
Coaches' Poll - Soccer: 2nd (54 points)
Coaches' Poll - Volleyball: 4th (72 points)

Stadium: Walton Stadium
Capacity: 11,000
Surface: Artificial

Total Enrollment: 10,918
Undergraduate Enrollment: 8,919
Gender Breakdown: 45.3 percent men, 54.7 percent women

In-State Tuition & Fees: \$5,550
Out-of-State Tuition & Fees: \$10,680

Admissions Rate: 80.6 percent
Composite ACT Scores: 25th percentile - 20, 75th percentile - 24

Retention Rates: 72 percent full-time, 54 percent part-time

Graduation Rates: 48 percent

Varsity Athletes by Program: Men's Baseball - 30, Men's Basketball - 17, Women's Basketball - 14, Women's Bowling - 19, Men's Football - 111, Men's Golf - 12, Women's Soccer - 23, Women's Softball - 22, Men's Track/Cross Country - 57, Women's Track/Cross Country - 39, Women's Volleyball - 17, Men's Wrestling - 42

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Fort Hays State

Name: Fort Hays State University
Location: Hays, Kan.

Distance from Caniglia Field: 326 miles (5 hours, 13 minutes)

Nickname: Tigers
Web site: fhsuathletics.com

Joined MIAA: 2006
Athletic Budget: \$3.93 million
Directors Cup Finish: 104th (178.25 points)

Coaches' Poll - Cross Country: 5th (34 points)
Coaches' Poll - Football: 9th (17 points)
Coaches' Poll - Soccer: N/A
Coaches' Poll - Volleyball: 9th (32 points)

Stadium: Lewis Field
Capacity: 6,362
Surface: Artificial

Total Enrollment: 9,588
Undergraduate Enrollment: 8,114
Gender Breakdown: 43.4 percent men, 56.6 percent women

In-State Tuition & Fees: \$2,442
Out-of-State Tuition & Fees: \$7,660


Admissions Rate: 88.3 percent
ACT Composite Scores: 25th percentile - 19, 75th percentile - 24

Retention Rates: 66 percent full-time, 69 percent part-time

Overall Graduation Rate: 50 percent

Varsity Athletes by Program: Men's Track - 149, Women's Track - 104, Men's Baseball - 45, Men's Basketball - 16, Women's Basketball - 13, Men's Football - 112, Men's Golf - 10, Women's Golf - 5, Women's Softball - 18, Women's Tennis - 8, Women's Volleyball - 13, Men's Wrestling - 39

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Mavericks welcomed as they tackle first football media day, MIAA coaches' poll



Top left - Head football coach Pat Behrns talks to the media during the MIAA Football Kickoff Luncheon on Aug. 4 at the Arrowhead Club inside Arrow Head Stadium in Kansas City, Mo. The preseason MIAA Coaches' Poll, announced as part of media day, picked the Mavs as No. 2 out of a field of 10. *Photo by Michelle Bishop*

Top center - Senior quarterback Zach Miller fields questions during media day. *Photo by Michelle Bishop*

Top right - The newly designed MIAA championship trophy was unveiled. Similar trophies will be awarded for all sports during the 2008-09 academic year. *Photo by Andrea Barbe*

Left - Starting this fall all MIAA schools will begin using balls branded with MIAA logo. *Photo by Michelle Bishop*

UNO hosts swimming events during this year's National Veterans Wheelchair Games



Omaha hosted the 28th National Veterans Wheelchair Games from July 25 to July 29. Events will take place at locations around Omaha, including at the HPER Pool. The games attract more than 500 athletes each year and is the largest annual wheelchair sports event in the world. Participants are military service veterans who use wheelchairs for sports competition due to spinal cord injuries, amputations, or certain neurological problems. Athletes compete against others with similar athletic ability, competitive experience or age. Next year's games will be held in Spokane, Wash., from July 13 to July 18.

Top - Wayne Field swims in the 50 Butterfly at the HPER Pool on July 28.

Right - David Farris of Faucett, Mo., checks the heat sheets prior to his swim on July 28 at the HPER Pool.

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Preseason football kickoff: Mavs polled at No. 2 in MIAA

TAYLOR MULLER
NEWS EDITOR

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — Several members of UNO's sports community represented the university in Kansas City on Aug. 4, during the Mid-America Intercollegiate Athletics Association's Media Day.

Newcomers to the conference, the coaches' preseason poll pegged UNO's football team as No. 2 out of a field of 10, only falling short of Northwest Missouri State.

Formerly part of the North Central Conference, UNO began the search for a new Division II conference after the NCC announced it would breakup at the end of the last school year. After being accepted to the MIAA, it was decided that Southwest Baptist University would allow UNO to take over its football schedule.

"It definitely changes the landscape. Last year, we played Northwest, Pitt and then SBU," said Craig Schurig, head coach for Washburn University. "This year we end with Northwest, Pitt and then UNO. You can tell what it does to the conference, a big difference playing SBU and UNO."

UNO Sports Information Director Gary Anderson said the fact that so many conference games would be held at Caniglia Field could help draw fans in during the season.

"With all the teams being so close and a lot of the alums from several schools in Omaha or around Omaha, there'll be more fan interest," Anderson said.

Greeted with open arms, UNO has the unique position of coming in with something to prove.

"A lot more is on the line," said Brandon Clayton, junior corner back for Northwest Missouri State. "Normally, if we lose to them, that wouldn't affect our conference. We'd still go through our conference and get into the playoffs."

During Media Day, MIAA Commissioner Jim Johnson unveiled a new conference Web site that would be up Aug. 28 and the new football championship trophy.

On hand were two UNO football players, Zach Miller and Reed Taylor, Sports Information Director Gary Anderson as well as Football Head Coach Pat Berhns.

"I guess I assumed we'd come in here middle pack or lower standing from where we are. Thanks for having that respect for our program," said Berhns. "There is absolutely no illusion on our part about the level of the play in this conference."

Taylor, who plays cornerback for the Mavericks, said the media day was something the NCC never had and contributed to a feeling of excitement about the new

conference.

"We had a good year, but it didn't end how we wanted it to," Taylor said. "We remember our last loss. Definitely want to undo that."

The Mavericks finished conference play last year undefeated and was 10-1 on the season. Since then the one loss has been front and center in the team's memory.

But the team and the university are more than ready for the challenge, UNO Athletics Director David Miller said in Omaha.

"I had a chance to visit with the football team at the team meeting," Miller said. "I told them, 'You know, after four straight conference championships, being spending most of the year being ranked No. 1, going undefeated last year — they're going to be a target in this new league.' There's some schools that, I think, are looking forward to taking a shot at the Mavs."

While teams such as Northwest Missouri State have played the Mavs for years, several teams expressed a keen interest in getting their chance at the Mavericks.

"It'll be really exciting

to play [UNO], we play them at home, so it'll be a good game to travel and play on the road with a good team at a nice stadium," said Travis Lee, defensive back for Emporia State.

Those feelings were echoed by UNO's players that were content knowing the competition they would face would be stiff.

"It's a good feeling to know you'll have to prepare the absolute best week in and week out," said Zach Miller, starting quarterback for the Mavericks.

The Mavs began fall practice on Aug. 6. The 2008 season opener is at home at Caniglia Field against Nebraska-Kearney on Sept. 6 at 6 p.m.

Photo Editor Michelle Bishop contributed to this report. Editor in Chief Scott Stewart also contributed reporting from Omaha.



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Youth, loss of talent doesn't worry Maverick volleyball

SCOTT STEWART
EDITOR IN CHIEF

Any other team might just call it a rebuilding year.

After finishing second in North Central Conference with a 17-9 overall record last year, the UNO volleyball team lost three of their star players — two-time All-American middle blocker Carlie Christensen, all-NCC right-side hitter Nicole McLeod and two-year starting setter Katie Agnew. Freshmen outnumber upperclassmen on the squad seven to six, with three sophomores as well.

So what does setter Annie Rice, the team's lone senior, think about moving to the Mid-American Intercollegiate Athletics Association, one of the most competitive Division II conferences in the country?

"Honestly, it's more exciting for me," Rice said. "I think it's going to be a great conference to join and just step up the competition in that role."

Rice, who played her freshman season at Northwest Missouri State, said she looks forward to playing her old team and showing the MIAA that the Mavericks have what it takes to compete in the conference.

The MIAA preseason coaches' poll, which was announced last week, ranked the Mavs sixth in the 11 schools in the conference. Truman State grabbed the No. 1 position, with Washburn, Pittsburg State, Central Missouri and Emporia State ranking

above UNO. Rounding out the poll from seventh to 11th were Northwest Missouri State, Missouri Southern, Fort Hays State, Southwest Baptist and Missouri Western.

Being ranked in the middle, however, might be a good thing, according to Rice.

"I think it's almost good not to be ranked at the top right away, so you can build up and show teams who we are," Rice said. "They're underestimating what we have, so in some ways that's a good thing."

Rice said she expected UNO to end up in the top 25 teams, improving upon their position last year. The Mavs finished unranked on the American Volleyball Coaches Association's Top 25 Poll last season, but the squad was ranked — at one point as high as 14th — at various points throughout the 2007 season.

The MIAA offers no cakewalks when it comes to volleyball, though. All five of the conference schools listed above UNO in the MIAA's coaches' poll also finished in the Top 25 in the AVCA poll last season: Washburn (38-4) at third, Truman State (36-6) at eighth, Central Missouri (31-7) at 10th, Emporia State (27-9) at 15th and Pittsburg State (28-9) at 18th.

Nebraska-Kearney also came in 19th in the poll last season. UNO plays its first non-tournament match against Kearney at the Sapp Fieldhouse on Sept. 10.

"I think without a doubt, this is the toughest conference, top to bottom, in the nation for volleyball," Head Coach Rose Shires

said. "Whoever wins this conference has a legitimate chance to win the national championship."

Shires said she expects six or seven teams from the MIAA to advance to the NCAA tournament this winter. That would mean even finishing sixth in the conference would still leave the door open for post-season accolades.



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"When you're [this] young, you have such a huge learning curve, you have so much to learn, but as long as they are motivated and they have the determination and put forth the effort, they're going to get better every day," Shires said. "Being ranked sixth, it's not how you start, it's how you finish, and with that learning curve, we're going to be able to do a good job with that."

Rice agreed with her coach that the room for improvement gives the Maverick squad hope of building momentum as the season progresses.

"I think [our youth] makes people wonder how we're going to be, and it gives us the opportunity to grow throughout the year," Rice said.

Ultimately, though, it might be youthful naivety — whether positive or negative — that will be at the heart of UNO volleyball's performance this season.

"They don't know who they shouldn't beat," Shires said. "If they walk out on a court, they think they can beat everybody, and I like that. I want that from a team. They should think that, they should think they can beat everybody."



PHOTO BY PATRICK DOTY

Soccer, cross country preseason coaches' polls announced

SCOTT STEWART
EDITOR IN CHIEF

Consistently making national tournament berths is something many athletic programs wish they could achieve, and few actually do. UNO women's soccer is one of the few that makes the cut.

The Maverick women have made it to at least the quarterfinals of every NCAA Division II tournament since 2002. Since the program began in 1999, it only lost the North Central Conference championship twice — in its inaugural year and in 2003, when the team came back to finish in the NCAA Division II Final Four.

So it shouldn't come as a huge surprise when, as the Mavericks move to the Mid-American Intercollegiate Athletics Association this season, UNO was again ranked as the team to beat in the conference in a preseason coaches' poll.

Coming in second was Central Missouri, which received 54 points — only six fewer than UNO. Truman State ranked third with only a point less than Central Missouri.

The list was rounded out by Washburn at fourth, followed by Southwest Baptist, Missouri Southern State, Northwest Missouri State, Missouri Western State and Emporia State, which received only eight points — meaning all the other programs' coaches voted the school to come in last.

Emporia State also came in last in the MIAA women's cross country preseason coaches' poll, receiving a total of 14 points and being ranked ninth in the conference.

Leading the poll was Missouri

Southern State with 63 points and in second Pittsburg State with 57 points. Central Missouri, Fort Hays State and Truman State completed the middle rankings.

UNO finished near the bottom of the pack, coming in seventh with 20 points, only one ahead of Northwest Missouri State. UNO struggled last season, too, only coming in sixth in a field of seven at the NCC Cross Country meet last year.

The MIAA also announced rankings for men's cross country, one of the conference's sports that UNO does not compete in.

The eight schools ranked in that poll were Missouri Southern in first, Southwest Baptist at second, Pittsburg State at third, Central Missouri and Emporia State tied for fourth, Fort Hays State at sixth, Truman State at seventh and Northwest Missouri State in last place.

In each of the polls, coaches awarded points based on how they felt the other conference programs would perform. Coaches could not vote for their own school, which is why Emporia State received only eight points in the soccer poll, even though nine schools participated.

MIAA conference champions for cross country will be determined at the MIAA Championships on Oct. 25 in Warrensburg, Mo., the home of Central Missouri.

To allow for greater flexibility in scheduling the regular season, the MIAA soccer tournament was discontinued this season. Instead, the winner of the conference will be the team with the best record after the double round-robin regular season.



PHOTO BY MICHELLE BISHOP

Women's Tennis

Three Mavericks made the NCC Commissioner's Academic Honor Roll last May. Senior Kylie Roe, sophomore Kelsey Haas and redshirt freshmen Jenna Nielsen were among the 27 student-athletes to make the list. The requirement for the honor roll was a minimum of a 3.20 cumulative grade point average.

Men's Tennis

As UNO transitions into the Mid-American Intercollegiate Athletics Association, men's tennis will be added to meet conference requirements. Bill Nichols, head coach of UNO's women's program, will also coach the men's team.

Swimming, Diving

Head Coach Todd Samland was picked by the Omaha World-Herald as its Midlands college coach of the year last month. Samland was the fourth Maverick women's coach to be so honored, with soccer coach Don Klosterman winning in 2006, softball coach Jeanne Tostenson in 2001 and volleyball coach Rose Shires in 2000.

Samland helped lead the Maverick swimmers to secure the final North Central Conference title last February. UNO went on to finish fifth overall in the NCAA Division II meet.

**Softball**

After being named the NCC's Most Valuable Player, Leslie Svoboda was given first team National Fastpitch Coaches Association All-American honors in May.

Six Maverick players also earned spots on the NCC Commissioner's Academic Honor Roll for 2007-08. The players – seniors Brianna Cataudella, Chanel Reaves and Alison Jergenson; junior Beth Harris; and sophomores Melissa Negrete and Kristin Wellwood – earned a 3.20 or better cumulative grade point average.



MAVERICK SPORTS ROUNDUP

The world of Maverick athletics doesn't just stop when the seasons are over. This summer, many UNO athletes were given honorary recognition, some were signed to new teams and others learned the names of new teammates for their upcoming season.

Baseball

After winning the NCC championships and finishing No. 8 in the NCAA Division II national tournament, two UNO seniors were picked in Major League Baseball's draft this summer.

Tim Huber, a pitcher from Omaha, was taken in the 27th round by the Kansas City Royals. Bryan Frew, an outfielder from Grand Island, Neb., was taken in the 43rd round by the Philadelphia Phillies.

A former Maverick baseball pitcher, Tyler Cloyd of Bellevue, was also taken in the 18th round by the Phillies.

All three players have signed with their respective teams.

**Men's Basketball**

Millard West High School's Drew Thompson signed a National Letter of Intent to attend UNO in May. Thompson's grandfather, father and uncle all also played for the Mavericks.

"There is no family that is more identified with UNO basketball," Head Coach Derrin Hansen said in a statement. "We know that Drew is a quality athlete and a quality person, and I'm looking forward to having him on the team and watching him progress."

The Mavericks also added Aaron Terry, a starting guard from Montana State-Billings, to the lineup. At a freshman at Montana State-Billings, Terry averaged 12.9 points, 3.7 rebounds and 2.0 assists per game – including scoring 18, 21 and 26 points in three losses to UNO last season.

Women's Basketball

Sophomore guard Alyssa Green was named to the all-NCC team after last season. Green had previously won NCC Freshman of the Year last year.

Junior forward Amanda Brodsack was also named NCC Newcomer of the Year.

Track, Cross Country

Kaylen Harris, who graduated summa cum laude with a degree in mathematics last spring, was named to ESPN The Magazine's Academic All-District track and field/cross country team this summer.

Harris joined four other teammates – juniors Molly Belling and Pinar Saka as well as freshmen Kayla Koepke and Rasheema Pitt – as members of the 2008 U.S. Track and Field and Cross Country Coaches Association's Division II All-Academic Track and Field Team.

Harris also joined Tahnee Tuenge on the women's cross country all-academic team picked by the U.S. Track and Field and Cross Country Coaches Association last February.

**Golf**

The National Golf Coaches Association named three Maverick golfers to its All-American Scholars Team for Division II. Lynn Mulligan, Lindsay Newton and Dani Suponchick were named to the 76 member squad.

Wrestling

Freshman Esai Dominguez joined four-time national champion and former Maverick Les Sigman at the U.S. Olympic Team Trials in Las Vegas this summer.

Although Dominguez didn't make the team, it was the first time in UNO wrestling history a Maverick qualified for the trials. Sigman is now the club coach for UNL's Husker wrestling team.

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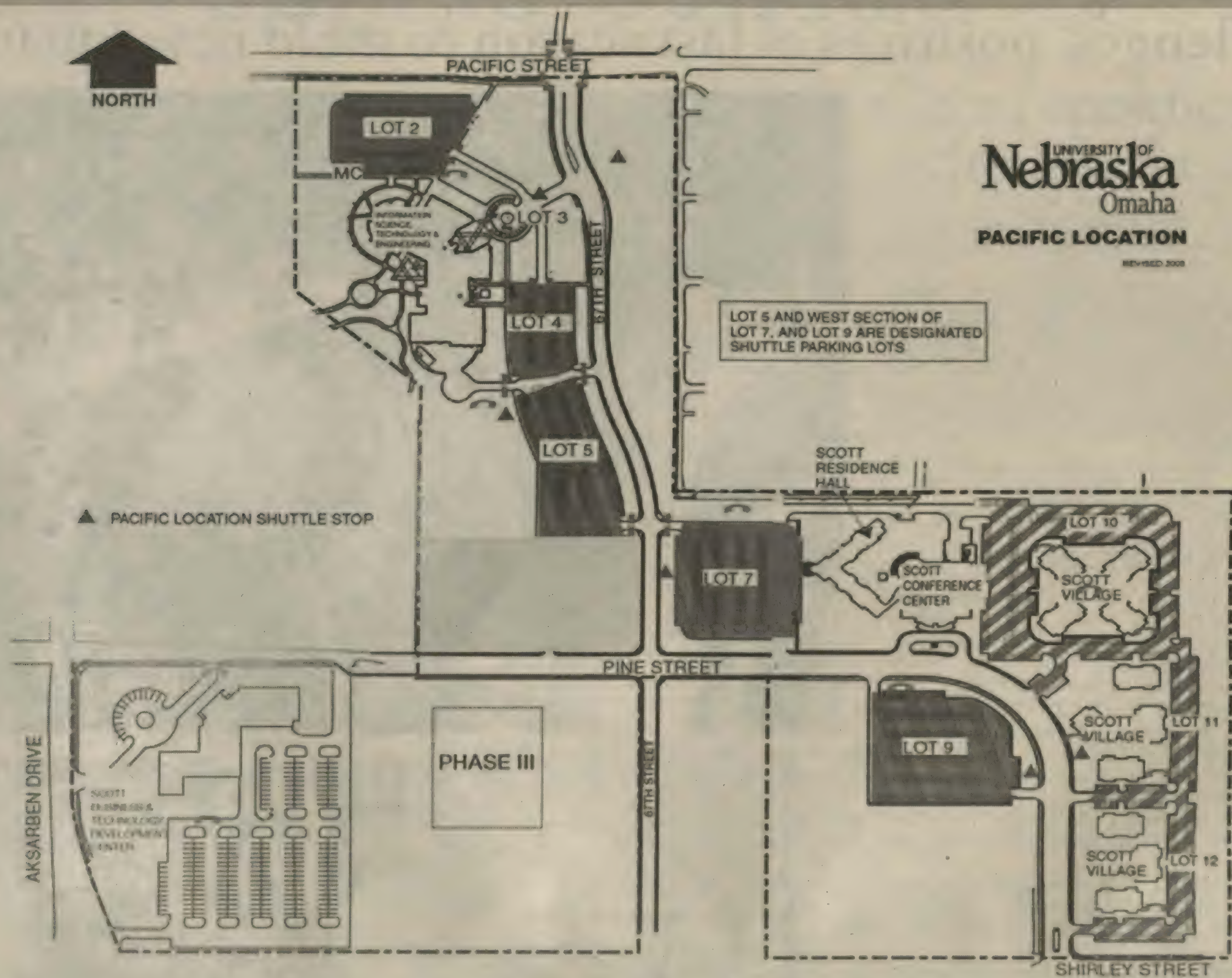
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Football fever may be on the collective mind of the campus as September approaches, but don't tell that to UNO hockey's head coach, Mike Kemp.

While the hockey season doesn't officially start until Oct. 13, preparations are already underway for the 2008-09 season.

Last season was disappointing for Kemp. Hoping for a top-four finish, the Mavericks ended last season with a 17-19-4 record, an eighth-place finish in the Central Collegiate Hockey Association and a second-round exit in the conference playoffs.

According to Kemp, a successful new season starts with shoring up the team's biggest weaknesses: defense and goaltending.

"We were a team that finished near the top in team offense but we finished near the bottom of the country in team defense," he explained. "Those statistics are real evident."

Luckily for fans, UNO returns nearly its entire defensive core.

"I think we're going to be a lot stronger defensively this year," Dan Swanson, a junior forward, said of the group. "We were pretty young last year. We have a lot more experience coming back."

One new addition to the defense this year is freshman Kyle Ensign from the Tri-City Storm of the United States Hockey League. Ensign is just one of six Tri-City veterans on this year's team.

In net, the loss of Eric Aarnio will be felt more in the locker room than on the ice. As a result, new recruit John Faulkner, from Sarnia, Ontario, should push both senior Jerad Kaufmann and junior Jeremie Dupont for playing time.

"[Kaufmann and Dupont] slumped last year," said Terry Leahy, UNO hockey's color commentary announcer. "UNO's got to go from the net out to be successful this year."

But the biggest question mark may be last year's biggest positive. Bryan Marshall, Mick Lawrence and Brandon Scero made up one of the most potent scoring lines in the nation last year, accounting for 117 points total, and all were lost to graduation.

"We know we lost a lot of guys," Swanson said. "But it gives other guys an opportunity to step up and take on bigger roles ... and I'm looking forward to it."

Some of the players that will need to step up, in addition to Swanson, are fellow junior JJ Koehler as well as seniors Dan Charleston and Tomas Klempa, both members of last year's potent power play units.

"For the first time in basically my experience as a college coach in 32 years, we led the nation in power

play, and we'll return many of the players that were instrumental in making that happen," Kemp said. "Those players who were experiencing success on the power play last year will know and have the confidence coming back into this season that we can do it again."

Also, a crop of new forwards is set to round out the rest of the team. Two key additions are John Kemp, of the USHL's Indiana Ice and Alex Hudson of the Tri-City Storm.

"John led the United States Junior Hockey League in scoring last year. ... He's a very gifted player with tremendous ability to pass and see the ice well," Coach Kemp said. "Alex Hudson is going to give us a big hard-nose, tough winger that's going to be a hard player for our opponents to have to control."

Not returning a high-scorer like Scott Parse or Bryan Marshall this year could actually be a good thing for the Mavericks. A more balanced roster is reminiscent of the scrappy-yet-talented teams UNO had early in its history.

But, as always, the CCHA is shaping up to be a competitive conference. Four of last year's eight national champion quarter-finalists were CCHA teams and all four - Michigan, Notre Dame, Michigan State and Miami - are in a good position to repeat their success, at least within the conference. Other teams that could pose threats to UNO are the Ohio State Buckeyes and the Bowling Green Falcons.

Sizing up this year's competition, Kemp took special note of a likely No. 1 Michigan team but saw the rest of the league as pretty even.

"They [Michigan] probably have the best core of players returning and so they'll be very difficult to play against," he said. "Looking at the conference I think it's going to be a real tight battle from start to finish."

But compared to facing several top-ranked teams back to back early on the last few seasons, UNO has a good opportunity to start the season strong.

"The schedule will be much more advantageous to UNO, on paper, compared to the meat grinder they've had early the past couple of years," Leahy observed. "They can't afford to be waiting for some second-half start."

A key start could help give UNO a much needed post-season



boost that it hasn't had in recent years. While the team made the NCAA playoffs in 2006, its last real chance for any kind of title was in the conference playoffs in 2000.

Kemp has always said, however, that every season is a blank slate and he intends to approach it that way.

"If you talk about what our goals are for the season, it'd be realizing a championship," he said.

"That's our goal, that's our objective and that's where our focus will be."



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Touching down at the Olympics

COMMENTARY BY
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THE DAILY IOWAN (U. IOWA)

BEIJING, June 25 (U-WIRE) – Here we are, 24 badly jet-lagged, black-and-gold bleeding Hawkeyes, stomping through the streets of Beijing.

We are here to work as volunteers for the Olympic News Service, gathering quotations from athletes, helping with crowd control, and smoothing out problems at the international press center. Iowa was among only a handful of American universities sending a group of students halfway across the world to work at the Summer Games.

Our journey began several years ago when Judy Polumbaum, a UI journalism professor with a deep knowledge of the Chinese culture and several crucial connections with Chinese officials, was able to land two-dozen volunteer spots with the Olympic News Service.

A diverse set of journalism, bio-medical and Chinese language students jumped at the opportunity. They have just settled into their rooms at Tsinghua University in the heart of Beijing.

Tsinghua's campus is a colossal, gated sub-city very near the Olympic Village. Although the enrollment is slightly more than 30,000, the campus stretches for miles, an impossibly confusing maze of concrete dormitories, L-shaped classrooms and brown construction sites.

All of us are staying a plain white, 12-story dormitory that is practical in every sense but as eye pleasing as a washing machine. We're stationed two people to a room and are all rooming with fellow Hawkeyes.

The rooms themselves are furnished sparsely, with two cot-like beds, two desks, a small closet and a TV that receives only Chinese channels, which feature a steady stream of bizarre and colorful commercials and loud propaganda boasting of the Chinese government's infallibility.

Our group members all arrived in Beijing earlier this week, some flying in from Chicago, others from Minneapolis. The first few days have been devoted to orienting ourselves to the quirks of this strange new campus and overcoming the fierce realities of an 11-hour time difference. We've met with Olympic News Service officials, who have told us more about our duties with them and have attended several Chinese cultural classes taught by professors at Tsinghua.

The biggest adjustment of all, most of our group members would report, has been the food. Because we're responsible for our own meals, we've been frequenting cheap, local cafeterias that cater to university students and faculties. We point to what we want and food-service staff behind glass windows ladles it up. Already having traveled to China once, I've acquired a knack for avoiding the questionable dishes and sticking to the staples: rice, braised beef, steamed vegetables and the ilk.

Alternately salty, slimy, crunchy and spicy, the food is hit-or-miss, depending on the restaurant and the selection. It's either phenomenal, or insufferable.

So far, very few athletes have arrived. The air pollution is definitely noticeable. Even on sunny days, a gray layer of smog cloaks the city. A midday run in through the thick air stings your lungs and leaves you out of breath after only a few strides. But the Chinese government says it will have it cleared up by the time the games start in August.

It's late June now, and the acid rain continues to fall. We'll see.

A different take on sports

COMMENTARY BY
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THE DAILY IOWAN (U. IOWA)

BEIJING, July 2 (U-WIRE) – We've been in Beijing a little over a week now, and our hyper-paced sightseeing, hand shaking and volunteer obligations have left us with little time to explore or soak up the culture.

Still, on most days not long after the sun rises, I've been escaping to the campus' track and exercise courtyard to jog, observe the locals and test the much-maligned air quality.

When I tear off for a run in the early morning light, the track is filled with elderly men, most wearing jersey-tops, loose cotton shorts and slipper shoes. Some stretch out in the outside lanes, while others putt along, working up a sweat before the day begins.

A few women dot the area, mostly younger college students, who jump rope or power walk, while their mothers and grandmothers take up slow-moving tai chi or calisthenics in the nearby tree-lined courtyards.

Outside the track, and in front of nearly every apartment complex in urban China, is a concrete area filled with bright plastic exercise equipment that looks like it was stolen from a McDonald's play-pen. There are big, cherry-red exercise wheels, bright yellow monkey bars, shoehorn shaped abdominal devices and 13 different types of parallel bars.

Unlike America, where weightlifters clunk around iron in a vain attempt to get ripped, it's all about healthful exercise and light resistance in China. A few pull ups, a push up or two and some weightless squats.

Like America, however, pumped-up Chinese men practice their own brand of macho muscle flexing. It comes in the form of short, guttural bursts relayed back and forth. One man starts, letting out a deep, cathartic groan, "Ahhhhhyyya," which will be answered by another testosterone-fueled grunt. It's a little like the exaggerated huffing and puffing American macho men use to psyche themselves up when they're dead lifting a half-ton barbell.

Aside from the everyday exercise routines of a select few locals, I haven't been able to grasp a feel for the larger sports culture here yet. Talking to Chinese students, professors, and other Olympic volunteers, it seems apparent that three sports dominate – basketball, soccer and racket sports (think tennis, badminton and Ping-Pong).

From sun-up until dusk, the campus basketball courts are stuffed with Chinese students imitating Allen Iverson and Kevin Garnett. Most wear full NBA outfits - knock-off Celtics jerseys, complete with Larry-Bird-era short shorts are especially popular. From what I can observe, most of the player's fundamentals are in need of a little tuning.

Basketball caught on so quickly here that kids my age never learned the fine art of ball-handling or the basics of a shooting stroke. Instead, they jumped midstream into the Yao Ming-inspired frenzy, lobbing crazy 3-point shots, pounding the pavement with sloppy cross-overs and attempting never-successful strings of behind-the-back passes.

As the Olympics draw nearer and throngs of foreigners begin to flow into Beijing, I'll do my best to keep hunting down the stories that lurk behind the spots populated by light-haired tourists and report back to Iowa on the China that exists behind the glitzy façade of Starbucks and chain stores.

For now, here's wishing everyone in Iowa a happy Independence Day. I trust the field corn back home is indeed knee-high by the Fourth of July.

China's political litmus test

COMMENTARY BY
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THE DAILY IOWAN (U. IOWA)

BEIJING, July 29 (U-WIRE) – A few days ago, midway through a mock press conference at the Olympic wrestling venue, everything was flowing flawlessly. The microphones were loud and clear. Translation services were quick and surprisingly concise. Even the notoriously pushy press pool was well mannered and orderly. Journalists waited patiently, their hands raised high into the air, until their turn to speak was acknowledged.

Then, unexpectedly, things turned chaotic.

A member of the Chinese wrestling team playing the role of a bronze-medal finisher was asked a question about his performance. He ignored the inquiry and from below the podium in front of him pulled out a boldly lettered "FREE TIBET" poster. He laughed and yelled, "Dalai Lama not so bad" in chopped English.

Immediately, a team of security guards swarmed around him and pulled the sign from his hands. They scolded him in Chinese, and he apologized, red-faced. After repenting, he remained seated, and the press conference proceeded as scheduled.

Of course, it was just a drill. Those in attendance were told it was a likely real-world scenario. There are issues surrounding these Games, we were told, and they might seep into the venues. The officials iterated that political or controversial fliers, billboards, T-shirts and knickknacks are strictly forbidden.

But, some bad eggs might breach the rules. If that happens, the violators will be dealt with swiftly and justly. To ensure a "joyous and unified" Olympics, their contraband will be confiscated and the hindrance duly eliminated.

Of course, as in the mock scenario, the rogue demonstrator is expected to immediately recognize his wrongful thinking and admit his ignorance. No more signs, no more statements. Just apologies.

Right.

For seven long years, China has looked to this summer's Olympics as an affirmation, a chance to prove to the world that it is no longer isolated or backwards. It's an emerging superpower with a rocketing economy, a competent populace and a proud and storied past.

But it also has problems.

The world's largest gap between rich and poor, environmental pitfalls spurred by haphazard, rapid-fire development and a government that has been accused of everything from stifling grass-roots civil society to fueling the genocide in Darfur.

While these issues remain, China has pleaded emphatically to disconnect them from the games. It has fed billions of dollars into an all-encompassing effort to make Beijing and the other host cities as hospitable as possible. There are sparkling new venues, English-speaking cabbies and on every street corner, smiling volunteers with helpful maps and bottled water.

But for those who break through the carefully manicured façade and witness the festering sore points, China has developed a contingency plan.

Protesting, it proudly declared earlier this week, would be allowed in three designated areas throughout Beijing. All would-be demonstrators need to do are apply for a permit, stand in queue and wave their banners in the parks designated as picket zones.

Of course, the designated zones are miles from the Olympic Village and are filled with face-detecting cameras. The permits, too, are nearly impossible to obtain. But, there is a channel for protest, the Chinese government says, and that is enough. After all, these games are apolitical.

That scenario, though, is a pipe dream. There will be unpermitted protests and periods of sporadic chaos. Some demonstrators, unlike the smiling Chinese wrestler, won't buckle to gentle coaxing or stern warnings. They won't apologize for their viewpoints; they won't separate athletics from politics.

How China responds to this challenge, much more than its ability to erect skyscrapers or attract McDonald's, will be a telling point to the West. A heavy-handed crackdown will only solidify its reputation as an insular and closed society. A degree of openness and a well-reasoned response, however, will speak volumes about the nation's progress as it marches toward international credibility on issues such as human rights.

Review: 'Pineapple Express'

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I knew what to expect walking into the Dundee Theatre to see "Pineapple Express" at 12:01 a.m. Aug. 6, when it premiered in Omaha.

I will almost always get a cheap laugh or two out of typically overused stoner axioms and am generally mostly forgiving of plot lapses as long as everything else zips along.

And, for a late-summer movie, "Pineapple Express", fulfilled all the obscene, violent, hilariously stoner expectations one would have with Seth Rogen as Dale Denton, a man with no necessary direction that delivers subpoenas for a living. Rogen also stars in similar recent movies "Superbad" and "Knocked Up."

The plot of "Pineapple" was mostly forgettable. It involves Denton witnessing a murder while smoking a joint in his car. All choked up, Denton flees the scene, but not before throwing the joint of ultra-rare weed out.

That joint is followed to Denton's dealer, played by a wonderfully puffy-eyed James Franco as Saul Silver. The two are pursued by the city's most notorious drug smuggler and a crooked cop.

Denton and Silver set out on an addled adventure that leads to the dealer one step above Silver and eventually the bad guys' hidden barn-turned-massive-grow-house. Reminiscent of cartoon-like cat and mouse chases, the pair is hunted throughout town.

Bordering on over the top slapstick and sheer violence, the action sequences are at times brutal, almost always hilarious and just when tons and tons of bullets are getting boring, someone gets kicked in the nuts.

Both Rogen and Franco's performances are curiously good. Rogen, I doubt would not hesitate to pursue method acting for a character like this, but Franco's sweet-at-heart stoner character charms not only the audience but also Rogen's character, following closely in the vein of buddy-stoner films.

Maybe it was a contact high from the crowded, and most likely elevated, sold-out Dundee Theatre showing or the kick of watching yet another midnight movie premiere, but the movie was overall a perfect last laugh for the summer.



Review: 'The Mummy: Tomb of the Dragon Emperor'

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As a girl whose two favorite movies are "The Mummy" and "The Mummy Returns," I was heartbroken when, five minutes into "Tomb of the Dragon Emperor," I realized how terrible it was.

I knew I wouldn't like that there was a new Evelyn, but it was compounded when I heard her terrible accent. Who in the world thought that Maria Bello was a good idea? There were a few funny parts, but most of the movie was too corny to be funny, unless you're five years old.

The movie starts with the back story, as usual, which is a pretty standard love and revenge plot, adding in an evil man who wants to be immortal. Back in England, Mr. and Mrs. O'Connell are tired of being retired, and their son Alex has dropped out of school and discovers the emperor's tomb.

The strained relationship between Alex and Rick is strange, because it has no foundation in the previous movies. While trying to stop the emperor from raising his army and becoming immortal, the family becomes whole again, new love blossoms and Jonathan gets another priceless gem.

A few traditions were kept from the old movies, but not the things that were recognizable, like the domino effect of the bookcases from the first mimicked with the columns in the second. All the little things that really made "The Mummy" franchise seem to be missing.

To not be a complete Debbie Downer, I'll admit there were some good parts.

Alex's romance with the 2000-year-old daughter of the witch that cursed the emperor was a good subplot, although it did progress much too quickly. My friends have told me "the Yetis were cool." Yeah, guys, they were pretty nifty.

Jonathan, again played by John Hannah, was the best part of this movie. He never fails to be the funny smart-ass that we love. The terra cotta army was impressive, too, along with the emperor's horses and carriage, although they reminded me of "Sleepy Hollow."

It's not surprising that "The Tomb of the Dragon Emperor" had a different writer and director from the first two films. Stephen Sommers, who directed and co-authored "The Mummy" and "The Mummy Returns," gave the movies a signature style.

The third installment was directed by Rob Cohen, who also directed "Fast and the Furious" and "xXx." I didn't sense any of that cinematic style either, however, which is probably why the movie was so bland.

In the end, this movie will join the sequels-that-shouldn't-have-been-made club, and will most definitely not join its predecessors on my favorites list.

Cheech & Chong to Harold & Kumar: Stoner flicks live in pop culture infamy

COMMENTARY BY
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THE PHILADELPHIA INQUIRER

(MCT) – Funniest pot joke in a movie?

The moment in "Up in Smoke" (1978) when the blissed-out Cheech, having sampled a doobie the size of Baja California, asks, "How'm I driving?" and the blitzed-out Chong answers, "Um, I think we're parked?"

Or when The Dude (Jeff Bridges), the bowler/stoner of "The Big Lebowski" (1998), hallucinates tumescent pins and balls that resemble private parts dancing?

Or maybe when Thurgood (Dave Chapelle) in "Half Baked" (1998) inhales, exhales and declares, "This weed was the shiz-nittlebam snip-snap-sack?"

Cheech & Chong, Beavis & Butthead, Jay and Silent Bob, Harold & Kumar, Bill & Ted.

To this movie minyan who worship at the ark of cannabis add Dale and Saul (Seth Rogen and James Franco) from "Pineapple Express" (opening Aug. 6), the comic misadventures of a genially inept stoner (Rogen) and his dealer (Franco), who witness a murder, are hunted down by mob dealers, and avoid bullets – without hashing the peace-out types.

Like so many stoner movies, it's a weed action-comedy that is really, really, really funny without being really good. The pothead comedy is the triumph of munchies over inertia.

Potheads and action? Inherently comic, for as most anyone who has lived in a college dorm can attest, stoners are to action as the Tilt-a-Whirl is to driving.

To enjoy stoner silliness is not to advocate an unlawful activity (says one whose post-college pot experience is limited to the Revereware-in-the-kitchen variety). My sentiments about marijuana are pretty much like those about guns. I firmly believe in their control – except on-screen, where they are crucial for entertainment value.

Just as you can be anti-gun and enjoy "Dirty Harry," you don't have to be stoned to enjoy stoner comedy.

The earliest recorded comedy – Greece, seventh century B.C. – involve the antics of drunks. Then, as now, one in an altered state lacked social and sexual inhibition and exhibited anti-authoritarian behavior, vicariously enjoyed by his audience. Then, as now, the comic function of souse (or stoner) was to stand apart from everyday life and note the inconsistencies in institutions and social order.

Heirs to this tradition: W.C. Fields ("Everybody should believe in something; I believe I'll have another drink."); Red Skelton (famous for his "Guzzler's Gin" bit, as the pitchman taping an ad who gets sloppy drunk on his product); and George Carlin ("Drinking and driving don't mix. Do your drinking early in the morning and get it out of the way. Then go driving while the visibility is still good.").

Cheech & Chong took drunk humor out of the bar and into the car, substituting doobie for highball and leaving no stoner unturned. Thirty years ago, they combined buddy movie with substance-abuse comedy, creating the pothead comedy, which reintroduced visual humor to movies in an era when much comedy was purely verbal (see Woody Allen). Since then, the equation for pothead drollery has been: 2 dudes + 1 doobie = 1,001 giggles.

(Curiously, stoner comedy is, like so many things, almost exclusively a male preserve. Can anyone name a pothead frolic besides "Smiley Face," in 2007, in which the toker is female?)

Pothead humor is particularly suited for film because it provides endless possibilities for slapstick. Take the scene in "Pineapple Express" where Franco, driving an unfamiliar car where he can't find the wipers, improvises a peephole through the toxic-red Slurpee blanketing the windshield.

Likewise altered-state humor is conducive to suggesting comic uses for commonplace items. Outside of Buster Keaton and Charlie Chaplin, few slapstick scenes have made me laugh so convulsively as one from "Cheech & Chong's The Corsican Brothers."

At the dawn of the French Revolution, C&C arm French peasants with day-old baguettes, which are used to club all the queen's men. Nothing, not granite, not cast-iron, is harder than stale bread. Let Marie Antoinette eat cake!

Pothead movies have many subgenres, including the "implied stoner comedy. This is the movie in which the hero does not visibly partake but nevertheless has glazed eyes, is unable to perform simple tasks, and is immobilized before the TV set pondering whether Wilma or Betty is the sexier cartoon cavewoman.

This subgenre includes the divine "Bill & Ted" movies, the two "Wayne's Worlds," and also "Repo Man" (1984), in which the hero's hippie/stoner parents have donated his college savings to a televangelist.

There is another subgenre, the stoner-endorsed movie, which potheads insist is better under the influence: "The Wizard of Oz," "Charlie and the Chocolate Factory," and "Winged Migration" are among the anointed titles.

We know that marijuana kills brain cells. So is it counterintuitive to ask: Smartest movie pot joke? For me, it's a toss-up.

Is it Kumar (Kal Penn) and his reply to the med-school admissions dude in "Harold & Kumar Go to White Castle" who can't understand why he doesn't want to attend, even though he has perfect MCAT scores: "Just because you're hung like a moose doesn't mean you gotta do porn?"

Or is Spicoli (Sean Penn) in "Fast Times at Ridgemont High," explaining the meaning of the Declaration of Independence to his bemused history teacher: "What Jefferson was saying was, 'Hey! You know, we left this England place 'cause it was bogus; so if we don't get some cool rules ourselves – pronto – we'll just be bogus too!'"

In the immortal words of Bill & Ted (and Wayne and Garth): "Party on, dudes!"



MAVERICK PRODUCTIONS

A rose by any other name: SPO changes its moniker, expect to keep hypnotist

SCOTT STEWART
EDITOR IN CHIEF

The first reference to the Student Programming Organization in The Gateway was in March 1969, in a letter to the editor blasting our publication for not devoting space to covering its events.

For about the last 50 years – roughly half of UNO's lifetime – and since the campus joined the University of Nebraska system, SPO has been one of the three student associations, along with The Gateway and Student Government, to directly receive student fee support.

SPO's purpose, to bring speakers and other educational and entertainment groups to campus, has not changed in the last 50 years.

Now, though, its name has. Effective May 31, SPO officially became Maverick Productions.

Why the change? Three reasons were cited by the-association-formerly-known-as-SPO's Executive Board:

– “To create a stronger sense of identity within said organization as well as throughout the Omaha community.”

– “To generate an ideal of unity between the title of the student-funded organization and the spirit of the UNO Mavericks.”

– “To facilitate a heightened correlation between the title of this organization and what the organization provides for the university's campus life.”

Another possibility, suggested by Kayla Vavra, co-chair for public relations, was that the group was being misidentified as a Peter Kiewit Institute liaison office.

“What initially sparked the name change was that there was a lot of confusion on campus about what the organization did. The Student Programming Organization was often misconceived as being, like, a computer programming organization, which wasn't the image we were trying to convey,” Vavra said. “So the switch over to Maverick Productions was one that we thought would explain our organization a little bit more and be a little bit more catchy and up to date.”

Erin Cron, assistant director for student programming and agencies in the Student Organizations and Leadership Programs office, had a different take on the change – saying the computer programming confusion was infrequent.

“The Student Organization and Leadership Programs umbrella and Student Programming Organization were like constantly confused,” Cron said. “[Students] called the SPO office or go talk to SPO about something where students really needed to be going to Student Organizations as the department rather than SPO as the organization.”

Another major reason for the change, Cron said, was when community members purchase tickets to SPO events, such as Jim Gaffigan at the Civic Music Hall, they would not associate UNO with SPO's name. Many people in the metropolitan region, however, would coordinate the Mavericks with the university.

Cron denied that name change had anything to do with SPO's near loss of student funding in 2003-04, when students voted against a “campus speakers program” referendum item on the student elections, not realizing that program was in fact SPO.

At the time, SPO's leadership and others suggested students had not associated the association's name with its description on the ballot. A revote was conducted in February 2004, where the referendum passed with 287 out of 331 votes – or 86.71 percent of the special election voters. (In the initial October 2003 election, 425 students voted against SPO and 395 voted for it.)

Since the 2003-04 problems, an explanation has been included on the ballot, and SPO has received its funding since – earning 55.12 percent voter approval last fall.

Nevertheless, despite the change in name, Maverick Productions will continue in the legacy of SPO – having adopted its old mission statement verbatim. So, as the fall semester begins, expect Maverick Productions to continue to bring entertainers, comedians, magicians, panelists, dances, films, musicians and more to campus.

And, yes, probably even Jim Wand the hypnotist.

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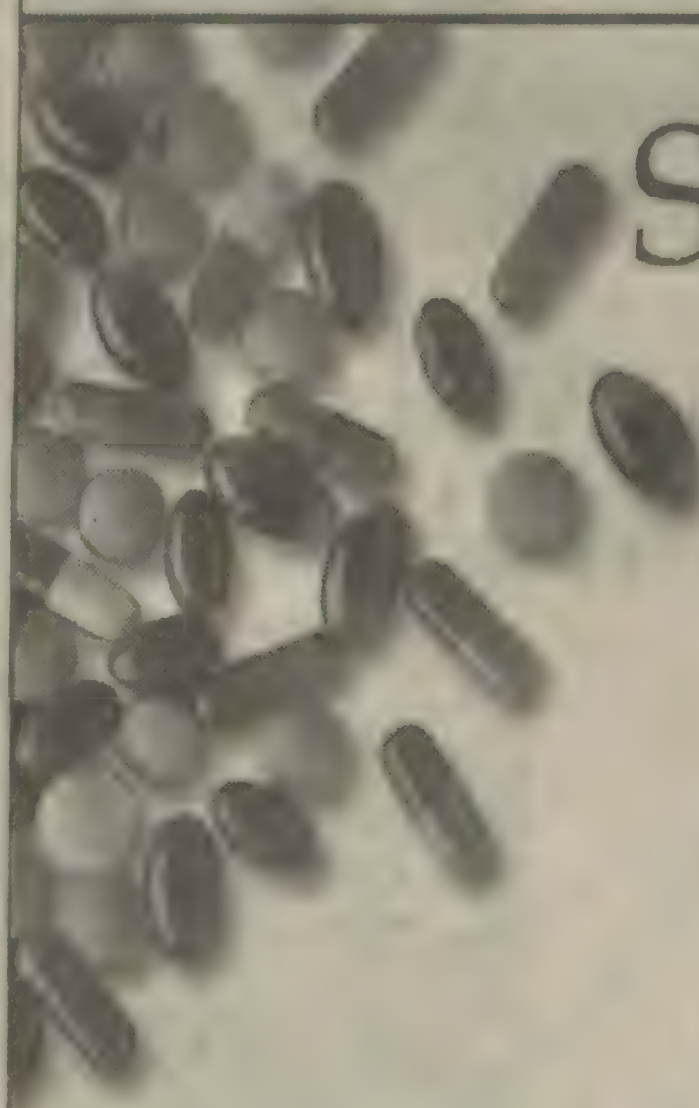
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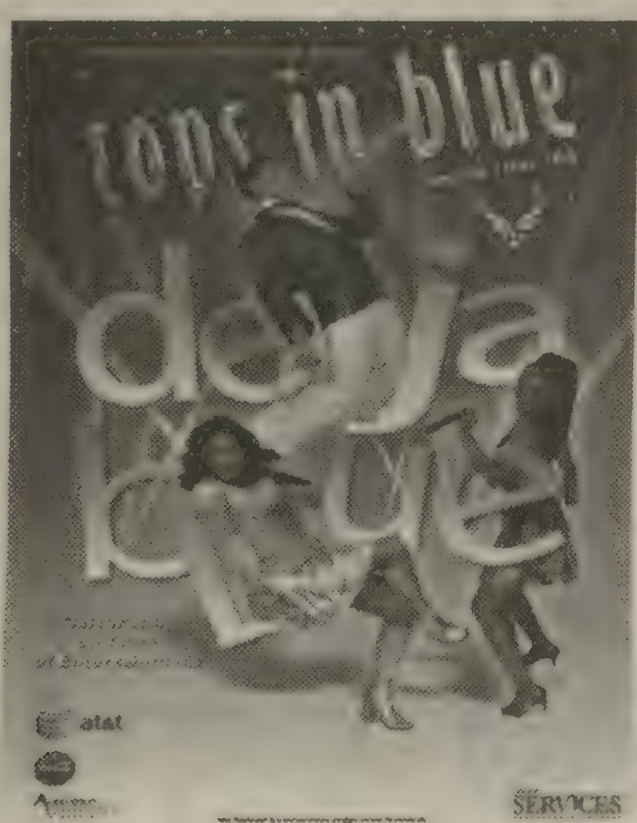
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Aug. 12 – The UNO Art Gallery hosts the works of Rebecca Keller and Lanny DeVuono, focusing on the relationships we have with our society, surroundings, history and selves. The exhibit runs through its closing reception on Aug. 29, which is free and open to the public from 6:30 p.m. and 8:30 p.m. The gallery, located on the first floor of the Weber Fine Arts Building, is free and open Tuesday through Thursday from noon to 4 p.m. or by appointment.



Aug. 13 – The Omaha Royals play the Albuquerque Isotopes, whose team name has origins in Fox's "The Simpsons," at 7:05 p.m. at Rosenblatt Stadium. Tickets start at \$6 and can be purchased at etix.com.



Aug. 14 – The U.S. Air Force Tops in Blue – a musical entertainment group featuring 35 vocalists, musicians and dancers – will host a free family concert from 7:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. at the Civic Auditorium. The concert is part of Air Force Week in the Heartland in advance of the Offutt Air Show on Aug. 16 and Aug. 17. For more information, visit airforceweekintheheartland.com.



Aug. 15 – Slowdown presents Thunder Power for their CD release party with These United States, Honeybee and Midwest Dilemma. Tickets are \$5 for the 9 p.m. show. Anyone under the age of 18 requires a notarized parental permission slip to attend.



Aug. 16 – See legendary shock-rocker Alice Cooper live at Stir Concert Cove for a final chance to shout "school's out for summer!" Tickets are \$36 for the 21 and over show and are available online at stircove.frontgatetickets.com.



Aug. 17 – British '80s heavy metal rockers Def Leppard join special guest Billy Idol at the Qwest Center for an evening of rock 'n' roll. Tickets for the 7:30 p.m. show start at \$39.50 and are available through Ticketmaster.



Aug. 18 – The Waiting Room Lounge screens "Gram Parsons: Fallen Angel," a documentary on "The Grievous Angel"

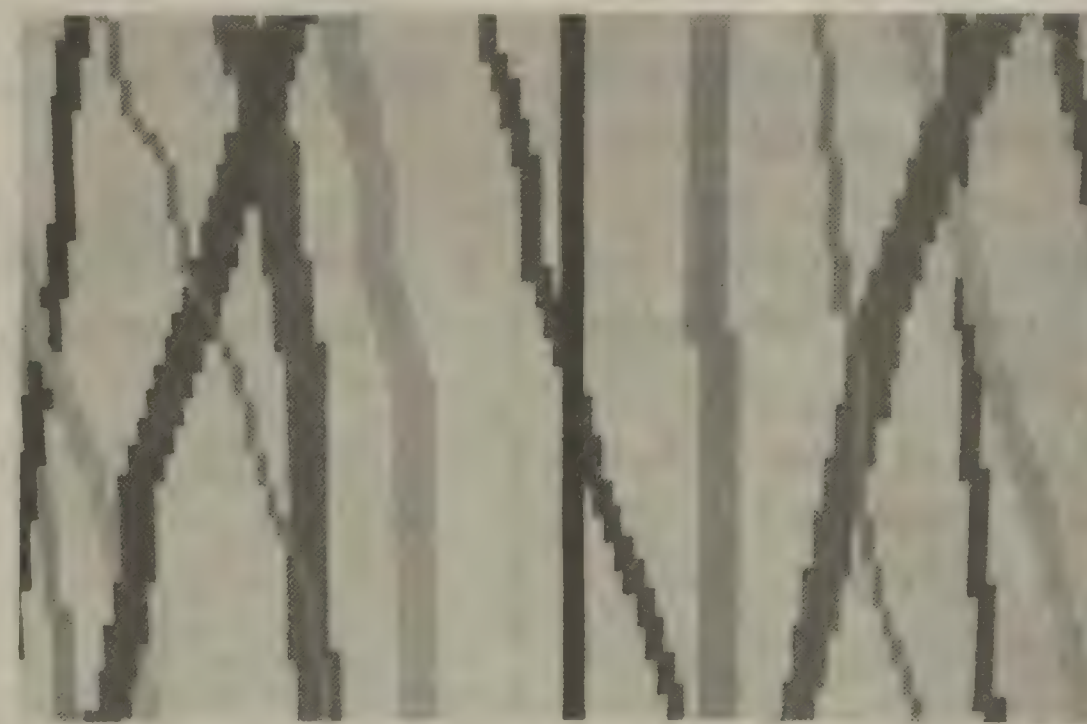
Gram Parsons, who made music history as a member of the Byrds among other groups. The 21 and over screening has no cover charge and begins at 9 p.m.

Aug. 19 – Visit El Museo Latino to see "Otras Bitácoras," an exhibit of contemporary photography from Merida, the state capitol of Yucatan, Mexico. The exhibit



runs through Aug. 23. The museum is open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Monday, Wednesday and Friday; from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays; and 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturdays. Admission is \$5, or \$4 for college students with ID.

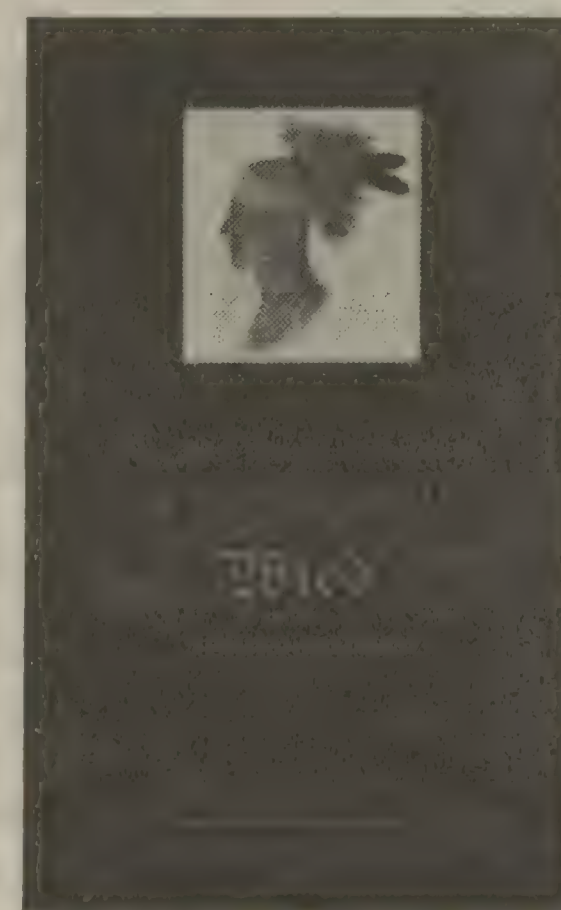
Aug. 20 – Looking for a mid-week laugh? Join Austin



Anderson, Richard Reese, Tim Greenup, Cody Hustak, Ryan Cownie and Kevin Grace at The Waiting Room Lounge for "Fancy Party Comedy Presents: Recessed," an evening of stand-up and sketch comedy. Tickets for the 9 p.m. show are \$5 at the door.



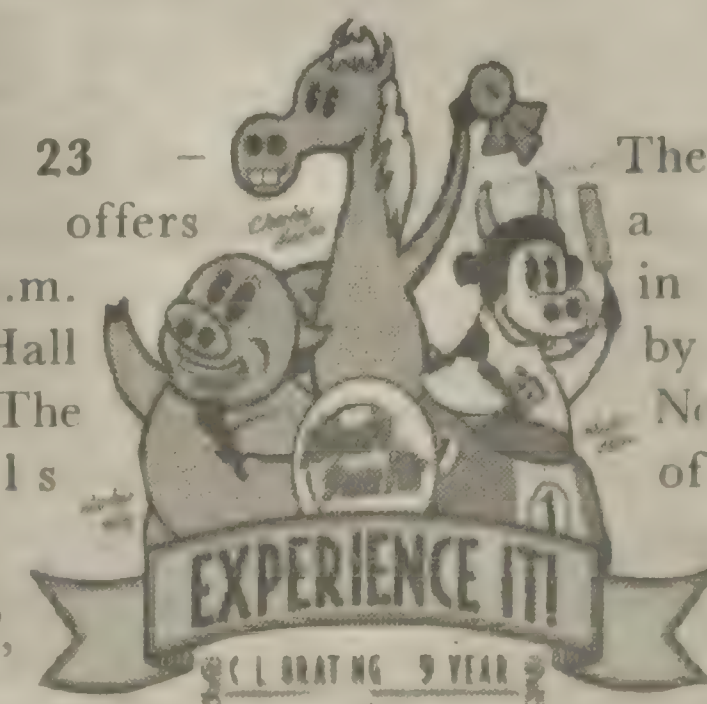
Aug. 21 – Make an appointment to see the Bemis Underground, 724 S. 12th St., for "vision/re-envision," a modern art exhibit by Matt Carlson, a UNO alumnus, and Phillip Faulkner. The exhibit is open Saturdays until Sept. 13 from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. The rest of the week, the exhibit is viewable by appointment. Admission and parking are free at the Bemis Center for the Contemporary Arts.



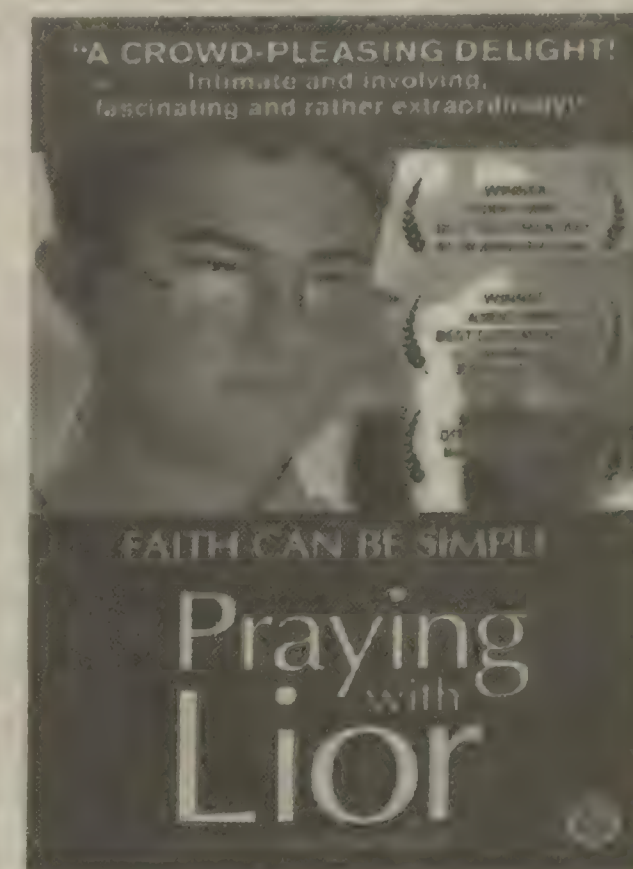
Aug. 22 – The Slowdown Children's Center's fundraiser, a of "Smokey musical revue, 39 rock 'n' roll and blues for the 7:30 \$37.50 each purchased Burk by calling 895-4000.

22 – The hosts the Respite Care annual performance Joe's Café a showcase of and rhythm songs. Tickets p.m. show are and may be from Amber

Aug. 23 – The Joslyn Art Museum offers a lecture at 10:30 a.m. in its Abbot Lecture Hall by Stephen S. Witte on "The Journals of Prince Maximilian Volume I: 1832-1833." Witte, editor of the journals, will discuss Prince Maximilian's travels from Germany to St. Louis in the 19th century, including his accounts of the native cultures of the Great Plains. The lecture is free and open to the public.



Aug. 24 – Attend the Nebraska State Fair at State Fair Park in Lincoln. The fair runs Aug. 22 through Sept. 1 with many contests, exhibitions, shows, events and more. For complete information, visit the fair's Web site, statefair.org.



Aug. 25 – After your classes let out, head down to Film Streams' Ruth Sokolof Theater, 1340 Webster St., for a free screening of "Praying with Lior," a documentary about Lior Liebling, who has Down syndrome and has spent his entire life praying. The film is followed by a panel discussion. Advance passes are available at Film Streams' box office starting Aug. 6.

Kicking butt on 'Chuck' - in a evening gown, heels

By RICK BENTLEY
McCLATCHY NEWSPAPERS

BURBANK, Calif. (MCT) – As soon as Yvonne Strahovski, the actress who plays Sarah Walker on the NBC series “Chuck,” walks onto the show’s set on the Warner Bros. lot, every eye is focused on her left wrist.

Strahovski is sporting a huge bandage. It covers most of her hand, her wrist and part of her forearm.

Production on the second season of the spy series has been at full tilt. And in the show, Strahovski plays a spy who has to go undercover to protect Chuck (Zachary Levi), a member of the Nerd Herd at a massive electronics Buy More store. Chuck has had volumes of government secrets implanted in his head.

The logical leap is the Australian actress hurt her hand while doing a stunt with a speeding car, crazed Ninja or in some form of hand-to-hand combat.

“This is just a pulled muscle in my wrist. It’s fine,” Strahovski says. When pushed about what action sequence caused the injury, Strahovski smiles and adds, “It is from reaching into my handbag at an awkward angle.”

She laughs and then says that isn’t a great story but it is the truth.

It is really amazing she has not been hurt while filming the action-filled show. In an episode to air later this year, Strahovski’s character gets into a battle royal with a nemesis from high school, played by Nicole Richie. The fight occurs in a girls locker room shower.

“Actually, that was really an easy scene to film,” Strahovski



On NBC’s “Chuck,” Yvonne Strahovski stars as Sarah Walker, a spy who has to go undercover to protect geek Chuck, who has had volumes of government secrets implanted in his head. (Justin Lubin/NBC/MCT)

says. “Nicole has a dance background so her choreography skills were really great.”

The actress did get a little help from wardrobe. Her character often has to fight while wearing an evening gown or in high heels. That wardrobe is adjusted – skirts cut, heels shortened – to make it easier to move.

During the first season Strahovski’s undercover job was at a hot dog stand. She changes jobs this year.

“I think the boys liked the hot dog stand wardrobe more than I did.

I won’t tell you what the new job is but I like the color scheme better,” Strahovski says.

The job change will be revealed when the second season of “Chuck” starts Sept. 29.

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Staff Editorials

Involvement key to success

Sometimes, it's the really obvious things that college students forget about being successful.

With so much going on, it's easy to talk yourself into forgetting, for example, that the No. 1 way to do well in a class is actually attending it. Studying comes in a close second.

Success outside the classroom, however, is almost as important as success in it. Between jobs, class, a relationship and attempting to have a social life, there is not a lot of time in many UNO students' schedules.

That's no excuse for not getting involved somewhere on campus, though.

Walking along the Milo Bail Student Center during Welcome Week is a good way to get a feel for the sheer diversity of organizations to join. There really is something for everyone. Or check out Page 16-A for some examples of the variety of UNO student organizations.

Students without a lot of time can enjoy the occasional activity with a group for their major or hobby. Students looking to get some experience in leadership have a plethora of opportunities – or always can start their own organization if nothing suits them.

Anyone looking to be more involved and aware of what's going on around campus might consider joining us here at The Gateway. There's no other place where you'll be paid to find out what your

classmates are up to each week.

Student Government provides a unique opportunity to impact campus (or at least get a fancy title for a resume). Right now there are several openings for college senators, freshman class senator, graduate class senators, student court seats and committee liaisons.

Maverick Productions, the organization formerly known as SPO, is on the look out for volunteers to help them set up shows for the campus community. Student Government's five agencies – American Multicultural Students, International Student Services, Women's Resource Center, Network for disAbleD Students and Gender and Sexual Orientation – can also always use a helping hand.

Of course, getting involved in your department (and any related student associations) is also a good step towards being successful after college.

So, no matter what group interests you, or how much time you have to commit, get involved with a new organization this semester. After all, it's not only our success as students that depend on involvement; it's the university's success as well.

Without student participation for the last 100 years, UNO would be nothing but a night school commuter program. With continued involvement, we can continue to help our campus blossom into a full-fledged metropolitan university.

Too much for textbooks

"They want how much for this little book?"

It's something many UNO students go through at the start of every semester: Shelling out big bucks for a puny textbook. (Not, of course, that a \$125 calculus book looks appealing, either.)

A brief survey of some of the textbooks being sold at the UNO Bookstore this fall might serve as an illustration: \$164.50 for "Financial Accounting" (\$123.40 used); \$112 for "Living with Art" (\$84 used); \$180 for "Physical Chemistry" (\$135 used); and \$125 for "Via-A-Vis: Beginning French" (\$93.40 – oh, and the workbook is another \$66).

Worse, imagine the shock of students taking a special topics course in antennas and radar, CEEN 4940, when they see "Antennas" for \$202 (\$151.50 used) and "Introduction to Radar Systems" for \$170 (\$127.50 used) – that's potentially \$372 in textbooks for one class!

For the average student, the College Board estimates that Midwestern public four-year college students pay around \$860 per year on books and supplies. By the way, that's actually the lowest estimate in the 2007 Trends in College Pricing report – the highest is \$1,229 for public four-year universities in the Western region.

We recognize that textbooks have been given a lot of attention the last couple years. Specifically, the Nebraska Legislature considered a proposal to remove taxes on textbooks while many individual instructors and departments have pushed to choose cheaper or fewer titles.

Nevertheless, we still feel more should be done to push down prices, particularly as tuition continues to steadily rise along with the price of just about everything else.

Instructors should be more active in informing students whether they should expect to actually use the books they purchase, or if they could get away with sharing with a couple friends. E-mails, Blackboard announcements and even disclaimers the first day of class can all accomplish this simple act of honesty.

When textbooks are required, they should be used. Math textbooks should be more than repositories for problem sets. Lectures should do more than summarize the chapters; they should expand upon them.

A formal textbook exchange service could also be set up. While some UNO student use friends, Facebook and Craigslist to swap books, Metro Community College students can also use the university's book exchange Web site to list their used texts. If Metro can do it, we see no reason that UNO can't establish a similar program.

The best way to combat textbook prices, however, is to make book assignments available to students sooner. The requests collected by the UNO Bookstore are public records – the Big O! Bookstore, its chief competitor, can obtain copies of them. Students should also be able to get access to book lists more than a couple weeks in advance.

In fact, we believe the university should make textbook requirements available as soon as possible, to give everyone the opportunity to shop online and possibly save a lot of cash while still getting their books in time.

Perhaps if some of these ideas continue to be put into action, textbooks won't hurt the wallets of the next generation of UNO students.

Letter: Campus e-mail 'sucks'

Dear editor:

UNO's e-mail system – I'm using the word "system" rather loosely here – is less of a system and more of a chaotic headache-inducer for students. Actually, using the word "e-mail" is a bit of a reach as well.

If I am extremely lucky, I get to my e-mail. If I type my username and password correctly 10 times, I might get lucky and get to my e-mail. If I choose the correct computer, time of day, place, URL ... well, I might get to my e-mail.

I feel a little frustrated by the whole mess. I should be able to access my e-mail without hesitation, lag or blind luck. ITS has told students to use alternate URLs – that "may" work. I have seen no improvement.

One classmate of mine was told by the lady in the office to try entering his username and password about 10 times, and then it may eventually work. Eventually? Seriously? I can't stake my grades and education on maybe's and eventually's.

My professor isn't passing out A's as pity for trying, but failing, to access the data sent to my UNO anti-e-mail account for my lab project. I'm in summer classes!

I can't wait for UNO and IBM to "sort it out." Who in their right mind would

continue to employ a system as slow and laggy and with such a high failure rate? We all pay a technology fee for this sort of thing.

If the system you bought totally sucks (I really tried to find a nicer word, but that about sums it up), return it and tell IBM we'll be taking our business to Hotmail, or G-mail, or Yahoo! or whomever. Smoke signals would be a vast improvement over the nothingness that loads onto my screen when I try to get to my Lotus Notes account.

For the love of all that is sacred and holy, either fix the system or allow us to register an alternate e-mail! I want to be able to get my messages from financial aid, my professors, my classmates, heck – I'd even be thrilled to see my spam box about now!

Actually, don't let me get started on how awful that system is as well. That thing has sequestered so-called spam, which turned out to be my FAFSA e-mail that I needed for three days!

All right, I have to go check my Hotmail. At least it responds to me.

Sincerely,

Erica Culver

Junior, Biology

Letter: Scientology column only shows one side of story

Dear Editor:

I wish to note my concern for the poor journalistic integrity posed by Scott Stewart in his piece titled "Cyberterrorism, hacktivism: Trying to find hope," published on March 25, 2008. I did make an attempt to review the erroneous statements in his piece, but Mr. Stewart would not have such a conversation.

However, in that effort, I did learn that he has never stepped foot in a Church of Scientology, has not discussed the subject with a Scientologist and has not studied the subject either online from one of the Church's Web sites or at his local library where he could request one of a couple dozen books on the subject.

Rather, Mr. Stewart is quite content to have carried out a one-sided study, soliciting his information from detractors on the Internet.

He actively justified the misuse of copyrights, a curious position for a journalist. He also refused to hear that his opinions were largely based upon misinformation – again not wanting the facts but rather holding strong to the unsubstantiated statements of anonymous Internet detractors.

From this "research," he finds that a group like Anonymous is justified in defamatory remarks and actions aimed at the destruction of a religion that has been found genuine in its establishment and tenets by religious scholars and theologians the world over.

Why does he suppose they are justified? Because the Church dares to counter their unjust and often illegal actions and statements.

Mr. Stewart portrays the threats of

physical violence and destructive cyber terrorism by Anonymous as "petty vandalism" having a "cathartic justice to it." Either he is desperately naive or his judgment is tragically flawed.

I would invite Mr. Stewart and his readers to find out for themselves what Scientology actually is about by visiting one of the Church's websites, such as www.scientology.org, or go to a bookstore, library or Scientology Church or Mission to obtain books about the subject.

Do this, and you will have a basis from which you can form a valid opinion. But do not rely on characters who proclaim an understanding while they hide behind Guy Fawkes masks.

Laughably, they do not even appreciate the absurdity of their choice of poster child.

Respectfully,

Bradley Bauman

St. Louis

Editor's Note: This letter is in response to a personal column, which expressed the views of its author. The column, also about Chinese cyber attacks on human rights groups, did cite the Anonymous Web site goanonymous.org and a YouTube video of one of their protests. The column, however, also made reference to reports from the Associated Press, the Los Angeles Times, the Atlanta Journal-Constitution and statements from published press accounts made by officials of the Church of Scientology. The column is available on The Gateway's Web site, unogateway.com, under its archives section for March 25.

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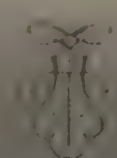
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Letter: Bomb threat stories inappropriate, irresponsible

Dear Editor:

Over the past three months, The Gateway has published at least six articles regarding bomb threats/scare incidents, and only two of them directly involve UNO. Although it is important and necessary to inform UNO faculty and students about on-campus incidents, The Gateway should avoid publishing incidents involving other schools.

I realize The Gateway's intent is only to inform the UNO campus about recent community news, but publishing articles relating to other bomb threats could put our own campus at risk for future copycat behavior. It is my opinion the more The Gateway continues to publish these types of articles from around the country, the more at risk campus is for such threats.

I agree these can be dangerous and deadly situations if followed through with, but the vast majority of them are hoaxes.

When the bomb threat occurred on the UNO campus, many students sensed a great deal of panic and fear leading to a high number of absences in the classroom on the day of the threat. Since then, media overexposure has left me and many other students unprepared

and desensitized to the actually of a real threat taking place. No longer do we sense panic or fear, rather an annoyance of hearing about such threats repeatedly. I feel the all too frequent messages regarding bomb threats are no longer valid and people do not care anymore.

I have seen our community suffer from at least two similar bomb threats since the UNO campus threat and I do not want a repeat on our campus. As a safety concerned student, it is necessary to suggest The Gateway help keep students and faculty aware of the reality of such dangerous situations by minimizing articles regarding off-campus bomb threats/scares and report only those relevant to the UNO campus.

Sincerely,
Kimberly Klein
UNMC Pre-nursing Student

Editor's Note: This letter was dated May 1, and The Gateway received it after our last spring semester issue went to press. We then misplaced this letter until recently, but felt strongly that we should still share it with our readers as part of our requirement to provide a forum to respond to editorial decisions.

The Associated Press reported Friday that the death toll in Afghanistan has exceeded 500 American GIs.

Transfer students encounter different chances, challenges

Aug. 25 will mark my first day as a university student, even though I have spent two years in college.

While I have attended Metropolitan Community College since 2006, I cannot help but think that my experience at the University of Nebraska will be vastly different. I am very much looking forward to taking the next step in my education, but I am also a little apprehensive about the change.

The community college attracts people of all ages, ranging from high school seniors to senior citizens. Most of my fellow Metro students already had spouses and children – sometimes even grandchildren – and were going back to school to finish their education or embark on a new career.

I have heard that UNO has a large population of non-traditional students as well, but on the few occasions I have been on campus so far, I have noticed that the mean age is considerably younger.

While this affords me a better opportunity to connect with my peers, I also worry about the prevalence of cliques. I like to meet people of different backgrounds and lifestyles, and I would hate to be typecast.

Another major difference, and one that I'm looking forward to, is the opportunity for involvement. Metro students very rarely participate in student organizations; truth be told, chances to get involved are few and far between.

UNO, on the other hand, has a wealth of student activities to choose from.

I feel that volunteering for a student agency would enrich my life as a student,

as well as offer new experiences that I could draw on later in life. It seems like there is a club or organization for every hobby, interest, and way of life.

I am looking forward to finding my niche at UNO.

Perhaps the biggest transition that I have to make is living in the dorms.

During my two years at Metro, I lived with my parents. For as excited as I am to finally gain some independence, I am also nervous about living with three perfect strangers.

One of my greatest fears is that my roommates will be uncomfortable around me because I'm gay. Although I believe that most people have been exposed to homosexuality enough by now to realize that we don't pose a threat to society, I also know that most people don't have to share a bathroom with a lesbian.

I am also not sure what to expect from the management of the dorms. I have heard more than one horror story about some so-called "knock and unlock" incidents, and I am definitely hoping that my privacy will be respected.

All in all, I feel very optimistic about my future at UNO. I have some challenges that will probably be difficult to overcome at first, but I think I owe it to myself to make the most out of my college experience.

If the point of pursuing an education is to prepare me for life, then it is important to face these uncertainties and challenges head-on. I will need to learn how to deal with different social circles, discrimination, and privacy issues sooner or later.

Better to start here and now, at the beginning of my road to life.

U.S. boarder search policies violate privacy, Constitution

In my office, I have several reference books: a dictionary, an Associated Press stylebook, "Robert's Rules of Order," a Bible (for checking scriptural citations) and several software references. I also have a copy of the U.S. Constitution.

Flipping to the Fourth Amendment, the Constitution reads: "The right of the people to be secure in their persons, houses, papers, and effects, against unreasonable searches seizures, shall not be violated, and no Warrants shall issue, but upon probable cause, supported by Oath or affirmation, and particularly describing the place to be searched, and the persons or things to be seized."

What's that mean? It's simple, even if some lawyers don't think it is.

– Citizens have a right to not have their stuff searched through to taken by the government unless reasonable circumstances justify it.

– Permission to do such searching and seizing require the establishment of a reason (probably cause) and an enumeration of what is being looked for or taken.

– Government action that does not conform to this standard is unjustified and illegal.

Now, as like most aspects of Constitutional law, lawyers and judges have established a complex history of case law examining the finer points of what this means. For instance, it's been agreed that an illicit item in plain view can be searched or seized.

For the most part, this case law is pretty reasonable. Depending upon the details of your political and legal philosophy, some particulars might seem unjust, but on the whole the laws are pretty reasonable.

The boarder search exception, however, has been pushed far beyond its reasonable boundaries by recent government policy that simply ignores the Fourth Amendments application when within an arbitrary distance of the U.S. border.

In the July 16 statement of policy on board searches of information, the U.S. Customs and Border Protection service claims extremely broad powers to search and seize:

"In the course of a border search, and absent individualized suspicion, officers can review and analyze the information transported by any individual attempting to enter, reenter, depart, pass through, or reside in the United States, subject to the requirements and limitations provided herein."

First of all, this policy applies to everyone – including U.S. citizens. It refers to searches, including searches of U.S. citizens, occurring within the borders of the United States. It also refers to indiscriminate, random – or, presumably, even profiled – searches, all absent any sort of reasonable cause for suspicion.

Second, this permits government agencies to search for information and "analyze it" – meaning, for one thing, it can be compared to

additional profiles, documents and other records maintained by the government. This applies equally to documents, books, pamphlets and other printed materials as well as computers, disks, hard drives and other digital storage devices.

Third, the policy goes on to allow "documents and electronic devices, or copies thereof" to be detained for "a reasonable period of time" to perform the search. It also permits the search to take place "on-site or at an off-site location." This means the government can make a copy of your laptop's hard drive, transport it to another building and analyze it at their leisure – after all, spending months in jail awaiting trial is

also considered a "reasonable period of time" by the courts; why not for border searches, too?

Fourth, the policy allows for the government to decrypt data and translate documents it encounters in the search, possibly justifying an extremely prolonged analysis if encrypted files are found on a computer hard drive.

An examination of the implications of this policy place it not only in contradiction to the Fourth

Amendment, but openly defiant of it.

Consider specifically the case of a person's private laptop computer. That computer clearly is and contains, in electronic form, a persons' "papers and effects" – the very sorts of things enumerated in the Fourth Amendment.

The searches are allowed to be conducted on U.S. citizens, on U.S. sovereign soil, without so much as hint of reasonable suspicion. The Fourth Amendment's intuitive, clear, inarguable wording shows that such a search is illegal.

Yet, the government claims it is a "crucial tool for detecting information concerning terrorism, narcotics smuggling, and other national security matters; alien admissibility; contraband including child pornography, monetary instruments, and information in violation of copyright or trademark laws; and evidence of embargo violations or other import or export control laws."

So, is the U.S. government seriously in the business of running the Microsoft's Windows Genuine Advantage validation on every computer that comes its way?

Moreover, if concerns over child pornography are sufficient to trump civil liberties, why stop at border searches – why not search every file on every computer? (Of course, under the Patriot Act ... but why even go there?)

This policy is, quite simply, bogus. It's unconstitutional, and it needs to be revoked or struck down in the courts. It also needs to be challenged in America's airports, customs offices and boarder checkpoints.

After all, the Constitution is clear: U.S. citizens have the right to not be subjected to this sort of harassment. The government's wrong here; not the people.

Sinister Slant



Scott Stewart

Social Distortion



Kristin Phillips



Hoping for return of modesty On dating: Welcome to the best, worst years of your life

Every summer I have lived in Nebraska, I have noticed a small change. Women are dressing in a less revealing manner every year.

To be sure, short skirts and shirts that leave little to the imagination are still popular, but there has been a significant trend away from showy items of clothing. Modesty is making a comeback and for good reason.

Some women say that they are not trying to dress provocatively, but simply in a way that makes them look good. But what is “good looking?”

From an early age, women have been bombarded with media images that promote an unattainable ideal of beauty. Barbie dolls, magazines and movies are forms of cultural oppression and ingrain in young women’s brains that being a woman means having long legs, curvy hips, small waist and a generally tall and skinny body frame.

Dressing modestly would partially relieve the burden of conforming to society’s expectations of external appearance. The problem is that no one has a body that can measure up to Western culture’s rigid standard.

All the items that a woman typically wears – jeans, shirts, dresses, shoes – serve to continue a trend of striving towards an unhealthy perfection. Covering more of the human body means having less that is revealed for society’s observation and

judgment. The reason many girls and women dress provocatively is to garner attention from the opposite sex. But what kind of attention will you get?

If a woman wears a showy outfit, she is bound to attract a particular kind of mate. She will find a man that is solely interested in what is skin-deep, a man that cares only about looks.

Is that sort of man worth having? How long will you have him if he is attracted to every glamorous girl that walks down the street?

On the other hand, if a woman wears something that is modest, the attention would be redirected from her physical body to her personality, beliefs and emotions – in short, her soul.

Men and society as a whole would be attracted to her because of her internal qualities, not just her outward appearance.

Modesty is still alive and it can and should be made the cultural norm. It will not be easy; we have been brainwashed with years of a culture that does not value human beings for who they are.

If modesty does return in full force, college campuses will be the first place that it takes hold, because we college students are most enlightened to one of society’s silent oppressions.

Am I proposing a return to centuries past? No, simply a way of furthering equality – if men don’t have to dress in skimpy clothes, why should women?

Chains Removed



Mark Patel

The summer of 2008 carried a lot of break-ups, at least in my world.

Take John and Jane for example. These two were so happy and in love they wanted to get married in a year. One day John wakes up and realizes he has a world of opportunities that marriage might deny, and ends things with Jane.

Everywhere I turned seemingly happy couples, like John and Jane, were biting the dust. After speaking with some of the broken hearted, the problem seemed to be a lack of willingness to commit.

At the risk of sounding like Carrie Bradshaw from “Sex and the City,” this got me thinking: why are college students so afraid to be in a committed relationship?

Because this is The Gateway issue that we mail to freshman and transfer students, I am going to assume that many of you are first-time readers.

So, if you don’t know this already, college changes you. A lot.

To illustrate, I challenge any of you freshman, and even sophomores, to count the number of times you switch majors in the next four to seven years. My number is three.

This won’t ring true for everyone.

Some people will come into college a psychology major and leave with a bachelor’s degree in psychology.

Likewise, some people will meet their mate in college, marry them and spend the next 60 years to 70 years in marital bliss. There is nothing wrong with that.

Nevertheless, there is something to be said for being single in college. Having experienced both the single and dating life in college, I have a hard time saying that being in a relationship is a bad idea. It depends mostly on the people involved.

That said, if you do choose to be in a relationship, don’t let the experiences of college pass you by. This is the time to make amazing friends, party a lot and not study nearly enough. It’s the time for all-nighters before the big test and working at jobs that we really hate.

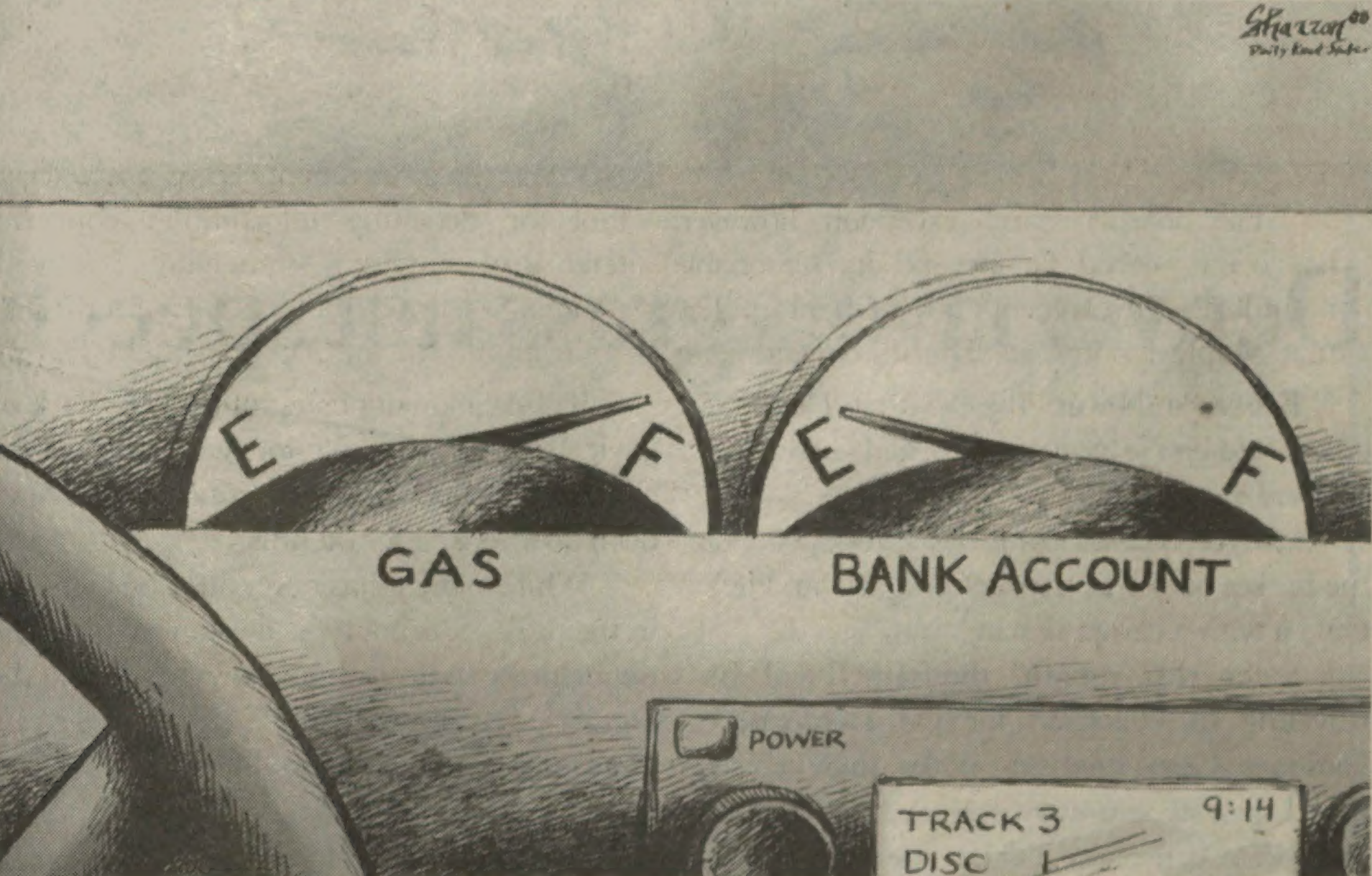
Are we really afraid to commit? I don’t think so. We’re just young enough to realize the amazing things we have at our fingertips. We want to explore and create ourselves before we commit to another person. And there’s nothing wrong with that, either.

So welcome to the best and worst years of your life. Proceed with an open mind and open heart.

Sex and the Big O!



Christina Clark



College students, credit cards

Editor’s Note: The following McClatchy-Tribune News Service editorial appeared in the Kansas City Star on Thursday, July 31.

Oh, the solicitations sound so good ... easy money, free T-shirts, free meals. Apply Instantly!

But when it comes to credit cards and college students, Congress is right to focus some of its industry reform efforts on questionable tactics used to lure new cardholders.

Bills pending in both the House and the Senate are attempting to better regulate firms soliciting students.

Certainly, 18- to 21-year-olds should have some access to credit. Many in that age range are working and raising families.

Establishing a good credit history can help them as they buy their first homes or start businesses.

And having a credit card for emergencies is smart for many college-age people – especially if they are at a campus far from their hometowns and families.

But many university students are also operating on tight budgets or still financially dependent on their parents.

Those students should not fall victim to unscrupulous credit card companies trolling for easy marks.

And their parents do not deserve to be saddled with debt they did not accumulate.

Some firms are clearly not seeking credit-worthy people when they sign up some students without doing credit checks.

Such practices can lead to debts that the young people can ill afford.

People of all ages can benefit from greater financial literacy. Programs that educate at the middle and high school levels could be very effective in instilling sensible spending habits before credit problems occur.

Credit card issuers should do their part by clearly and fairly explaining policies and ratcheting back costs and fees that have increased while billing periods shortened.


According to OmahaGasPrices.com, the average price of regular gasoline has actually steadily declined over the past month, from \$4.09 per gallon on July 12 to \$3.58 per gallon on Aug. 10, compared to the national average of \$3.81 computed by the American Automobile Association on Sunday.

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Sex column: Playing 'bumper boats' in bathtub not advisable

COMMENTARY BY
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TALLAHASSEE, Fla. — Initially, shower sex does not seem a terribly ambitious activity. So why is it that in reality, attempting to play bumper boats in the bathtub is like making a swan dive into the shallow end of a pool, leaving you achy and coughing up water?

Hot, wet, naked bodies pressed up against each other in the steamy and passionate throws of young love sounds, to most people, like the end to a particularly successful "Dear Penthouse Forum" letter, yet I'm left wondering how such an unsatisfactory romp has rinsed me clean of lust with my last grasps at optimism circling the drain.

To those of you who still consider showering a solo activity but are considering trying it with two, I think it's important to

dash whatever hopes you may have on the subject because once you try it, you are opening the floodgates of disappointment.

The following is a list of complications that makes shower sex a profoundly bad idea:

Boys, I know we all joke about how shower sex is about making clean feel dirty, but a ring around the tub hardly gets me hot and heavy.

How yellow does a man's shower have to be before you refuse to lay down your own clean hiney for the sake of struggling intercourse?

What's more, I don't want water pooling around my ankles because your short-and-curlies are clogging the drain.

Next, there is a philosophical debate one must address, that of the utilitarian principals of the greater good. The argument is structured thusly, if there is only one stream of water over which our two copulating

bodies must compete, who's good is the greater?

If the man is thrusting, will his core not be warm, or is it a question of chivalry? Still, does the movement of said man create enough surface wind to necessitate a heated counter balance? Ultimately, it is an answer summed in orgasms.

This next point I cannot stress enough. Water may be wet, but it is not a lubricant! It is almost impossible to keep an appropriate slickness in the old sex slide when water enters the occasion, and Dear Reader, do NOT for any reason or under any circumstance apply soap to his pipe. That idea is formulated in the stuff of yeast infections.

Also, please take into account that slippery when wet, as depicted on the yellow signs, refers to the ground and less to the "oh baby you make me so wet" utterance that applies anywhere outside of the shower. That is to say, soap plus water equals slick surface,

and if you don't want to tumble, tread lightly or invest in those tacky foot-shaped floor mats.

Assuming you and your lover can balance on slick tile without swaying to the point of seasickness, the final and most difficult obstacle of shower sex is positioning.

You know that image of cartoon traffic where the stenciled protagonist ends up with their face smushed against the windshield of a car that has stopped suddenly? The closest to functional position that is anal shower sex leaves the girl like so: awarded with a face full of tile imprints and a knee, bruised purple from balancing out the force of a protruding butt and thrusting man-pelvis against the faucet. It's not for the faint of heart and generally not worth it.

Let's leave deep sea diving to the professionals while the rest of us wade in the shallow end where we don't need water wings or super-human lubrication.

Please don't police NFL fans

COMMENTARY BY
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USA Today reported this week that the NFL has released its new "Fan Code of Conduct" whereby disruptive (and drunk) fans will have their season tickets revoked if they act in an unruly manner.

This decision marks the point where the NFL officially ceases to become a professional sports league and transforms into Disney World on FieldTurf. In Roger Goodell's snow globe of a football league, commercial success off the field has become more important than the product on the field.

Let me give you a run down of the specifics on the code, one through six:

1. "Behavior that is unruly, disruptive, or illegal in nature."

Does stabbing people count? It does? Great.

Well there goes the infamous Black Hole that the Oakland Raider nation calls home. I don't think the NFL and Oakland P.D. have enough personnel and tear gas to tell that crowd that they have to behave.

2. "Intoxication or other signs of alcohol impairment that results in irresponsible behavior."

If the NFL does this, fans will buy less beer, the product of an industry that generates the greatest ad revenues for the league. This seems a little backwards to me. Plus, beer and football go hand-in-hand for many people. Striking fear in the hearts of beer-drinking fans will dampen the time-honored tradition of tailgating. Plus, if you are a Chicago Bears fan in 2008-09, drinking alcohol in excess might be the only way to numb oneself against the results of the upcoming season. The same goes to our Cincinnati readership.

3. "Foul or abusive language or obscene

gestures."

This one scares me a bit. If the NFL teamed up with the FCC to watch an Indianapolis Colts game with me and my crew, we'd make MTV's Janet Jackson Superbowl XXXVIII performance seem like an episode of Sesame Street. I would lose my season tickets after the blown coverage on Adam Vinatieri's first kickoff.

4. "Interference with the progress of the game (including throwing objects onto the field)."

Watch out Philadelphia, I assume the fine print of this part of the code includes tossing d-cell batteries at players.

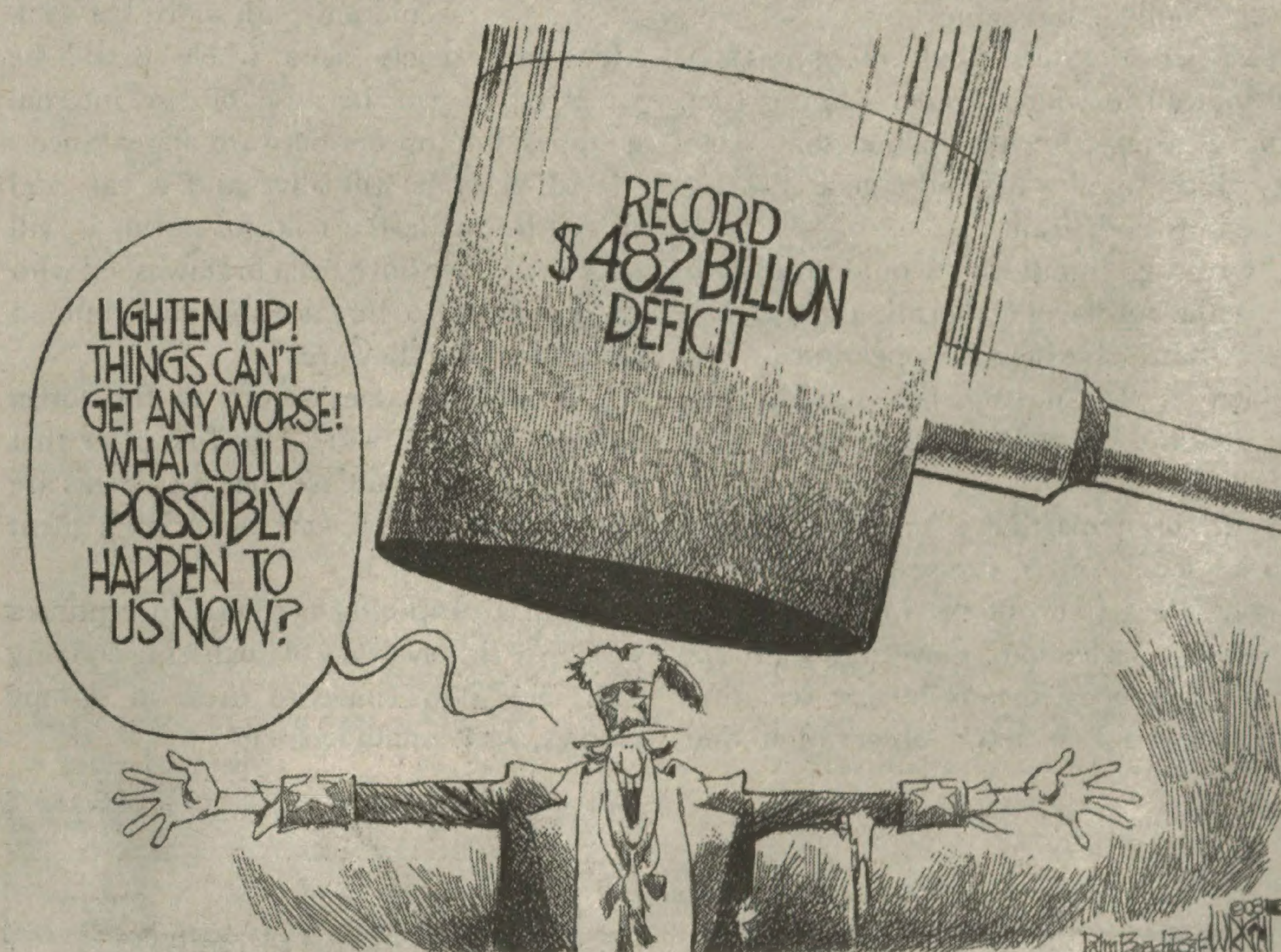
5. "Verbal or physical harassment of opposing team fans."

Now hold on a second! What is the point of attending a game if you can't harass an opposing team's fan? Whether Goodell likes it or not, that is what football is all about. Internet blogs are filled with banter trashing an opposing team. It is what fuels rivalries. Plus, considering the less-than-warm receptions the New England Patriots are expected to receive in visiting stadiums, bouncing people who harass opposing fans might give the pats a home-field advantage in all 16 games this season.

6. "Failing to follow instructions of stadium personnel."

If an usher tells me to sit down because a less enthusiastic fan is offended, I probably won't listen. If a food vendor tells me my debit card has been declined, I probably won't listen. These issues don't merit the loss on an investment on season tickets.

The sad part of the "Fan Code of Conduct" is that many people's violations of such rules make up the heart and soul of their NFL experiences. Please remember that the roots of the NFL are extremely violent and savage. To scare wild and unruly fans away from stadiums is sacrilegious.



Denver favors grass not speech

Editor's Note: The following U-WIRE editorial appeared in the Rocky Mountain Collegian on Wednesday, Aug. 6.

Denver Mayor John Hickenlooper put the brakes on the free speech wagon - and he's done it with a camping ban.

Later this month, thousands will be traveling to Colorado for the Democratic National Convention to make their voices heard, just as anti-war protestors involved in Tent State University had intended to do.

Tent State, a group of college-aged activists, had planned to bring as many as 50,000 protestors with them to the DNC this month. Their organization had also planned to use City Park as camping grounds as a means to motivate a crowd of that size to show up.

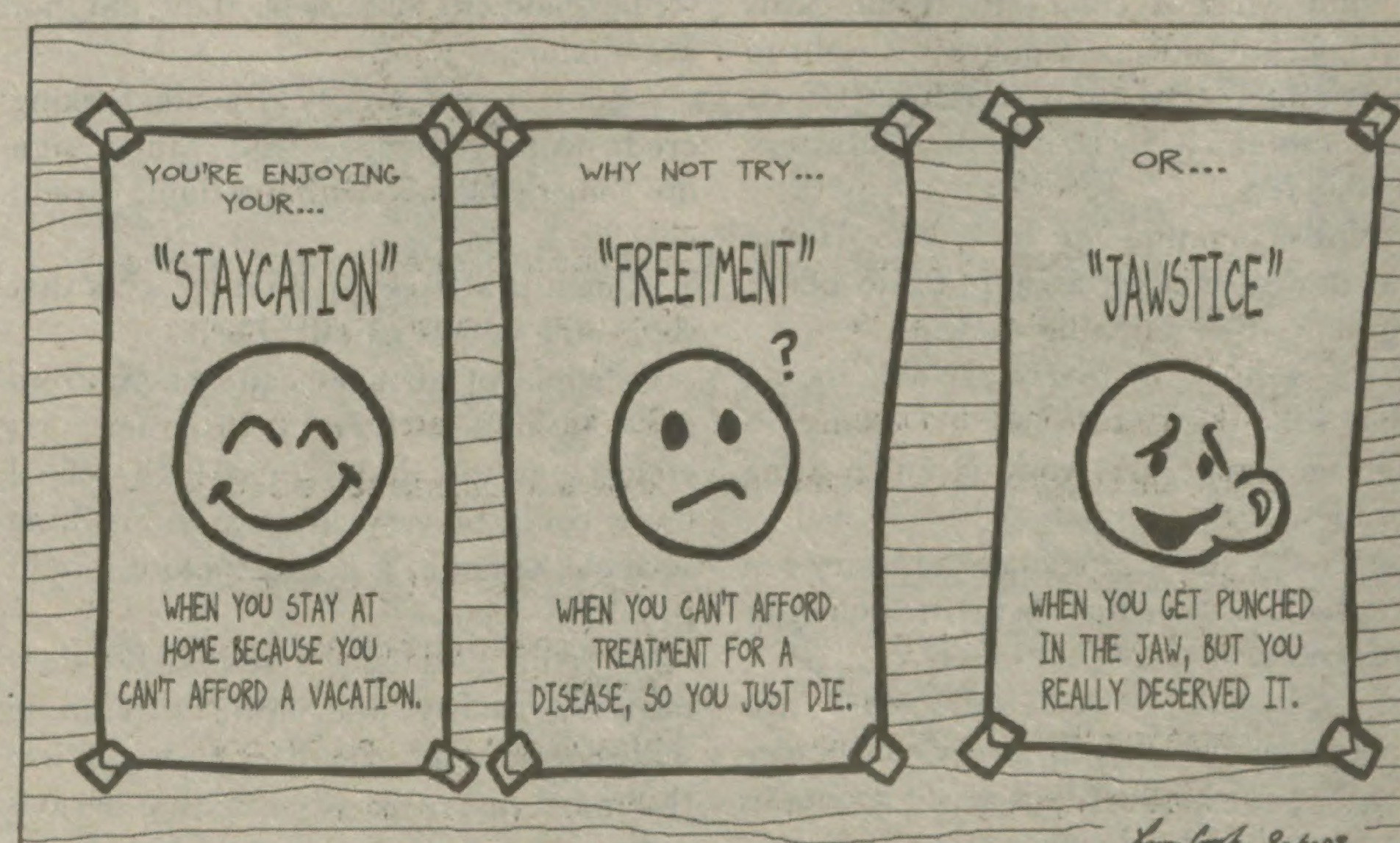
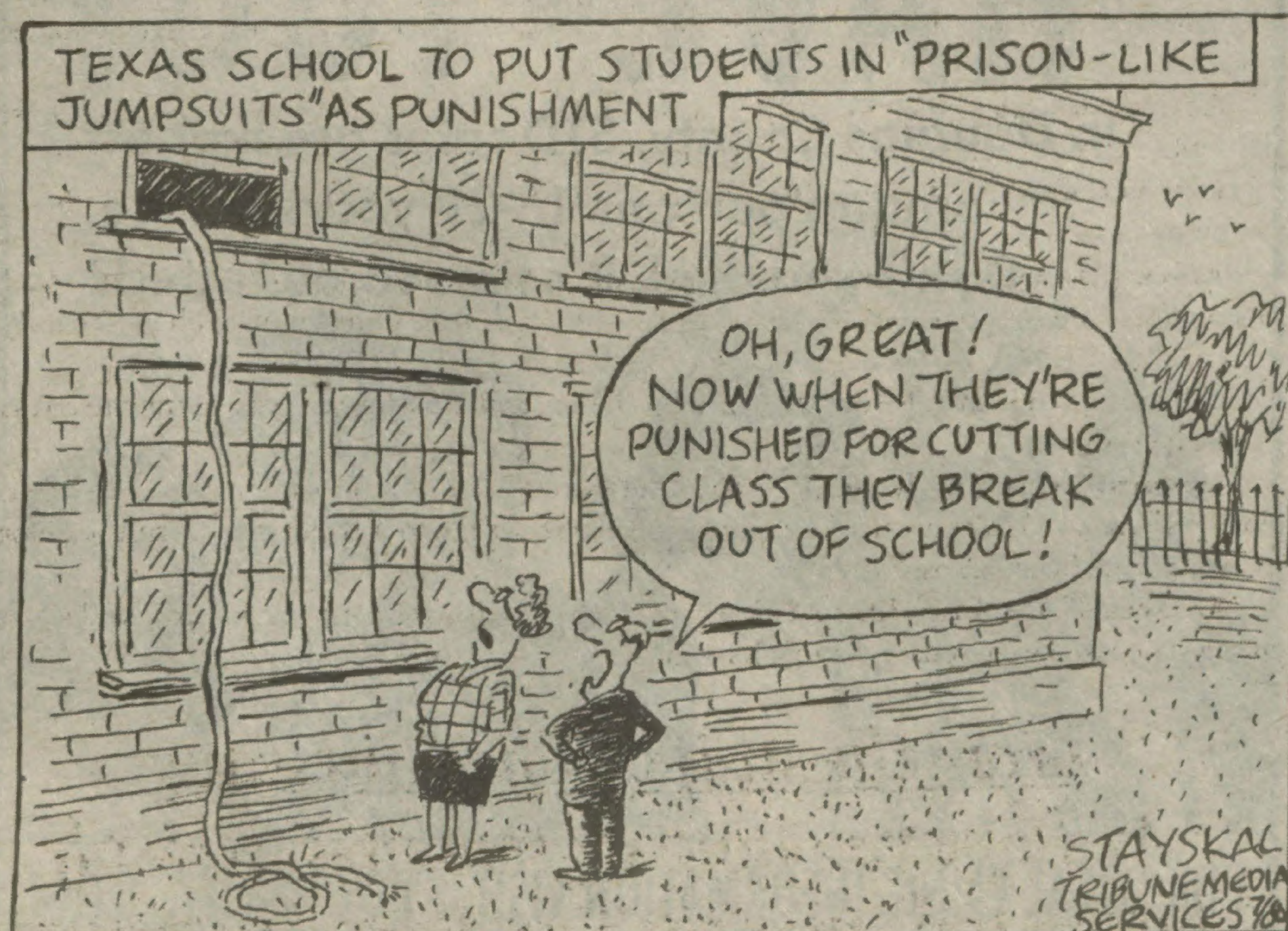
This year marks the first in 100 that the DNC will be held in Denver. As one of the premier political events in the world, it is key for protestors to be able to freely access public arenas to promote their causes.

By not allowing camping at City Park or Civic Center Park, protestors will now face the challenge of finding rooms in hotels that have been overbooked for months.

While Denver has never allowed camping in the parks, it is not typical that it is given the opportunity to host what many are calling the biggest political event the U.S. has ever seen. Concerns that attendees will view camp sites as a free boarding pass are feeble at best as the real concern should be how best to allow as many involved citizens to participate as possible.

And while sanitation, security, bathroom availability and parking for crowds are valid issues, Denver could afford to spend more time looking into how to successfully overcome them rather than assuming the aforementioned are too large to surmount.

The city should appreciate the success of its bid, remove its irresponsibly placed restriction and stop worrying about the park's grass.



AVERAGE TIME SPENT COMPOSING ONE E-MAIL

PROFESSORS: 1.3 SECONDS

YES. (SEND)
DO IT. (SEND)
SEE ATTACHED. (SEND)
NO. (SEND)

GRAD STUDENTS: 1.3 DAYS

DEAR (?) PROF. SMITH,
I WAS WONDERING IF PERHAPS YOU MIGHT HAVE POSSIBLY GOTTEN THE CHANCE TO POTENTIALLY FIND THE TIME TO MAYBE LOOK AT MY DRAFT PAPER THAT I AM ATTEMPTING TO SUBMIT IN CASE I HAVE ANY QUESTIONS. I AM NOT RESISTATE TO YOUR COMMENTS.

Crossword

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10 Irwin or George Bernard
14 Pitcher Hershiser
15 Type of servitude
16 John Dickson or Caleb
17 Taj Mahal site
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22 Rind used in fruitcake
24 Pulled off
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30 Transports
31 Muscat's land
32 Gratuitously cruel
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45 Neutralizing substances
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2 Entreat earnestly
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4 Cause to feel joyful
5 Made a choice

6 Act as a guide
7 Elected ones
8 Brewer's vessel
9 Particles of physics
10 Attack with severe criticism
11 Pennsylvania's capital
12 Colorless, odorless, inert gas
13 Incorrect
21 Fleur-de-
23 Cake coating
25 Jellybeans, for example
26 More dilettanteish
27 Disorderly retreat
28 Bullets, shells, grenades, etc.
29 Wall hangings
30 Frank
32 Exhaustion
34 Restless longing
35 Trial run

37 Finish second
41 Without purpose
43 Fortified home
44 Comic Conway
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YOU'RE 23.
WHERE'S YOUR DAD?
HE'S STILL AT THAT GIRL'S MEGA-SWEET 16 PARTY.
I THINK HE BOUGHT THEM WINE COOLERS.
NO, THAT WAS ME.

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Leo (July 23 – Aug. 22) – Use your past year's experience to not only grow as a person, but to help those around you and you will be rewarded kindly. You have more to offer than you may think.

Virgo (Aug. 23 – Sept. 22) – Don't second-guess yourself. Trust your instincts and they will take you farther than you could have imagined.

Libra (Sept. 23 – Oct. 22) – A life-changing event is coming, but you're ready. Change can be a good thing, even if it doesn't seem so at first.

Scorpio (Oct. 23 – Nov. 21) – You need to listen closer to what those around you are trying to tell you, it will save you time in the long run.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22 – Dec. 21) – You may have gotten lucky in the past, but this semester, you need to spend more time on your classes and less time partying. You know, unless you like retaking classes....

Capricorn (Dec. 22 – Jan. 19) – Learning from mistakes is a big part of life. Don't let the mistakes put you down, but instead focus on how to avoid making the same mistakes again.

Aquarius (Jan. 20 - Feb. 18) – Never underestimate how important alone time is. Take more time out of each day to do something just for you.

Pisces (Feb. 19 – March 20) – Don't let the pressures of society convince you to be like everyone else. Individuality is important to your happiness.

Aries (March 21 – April 19) – You will find yourself taking on more than usual this semester. Be selective with activities and avoid taking on too much, after all you're only human.

Taurus (April 20 – May 20) – Live for the moment and you'll have less time to stress about the future.

Gemini (May 21 - June 21) – Take the extra time to reach out to a friend in need. Not only will you make a true difference in this person's life, but they will return the favor when you need it the most.

Cancer (June 22 – July 22) – Life is only worth living if your happy. Make the changes necessary to make sure this happens.

NINJAS vs PROFESSORS

A COMPARATIVE ANALYSIS



NINJAS

- Experts in methods of subterfuge
- Employs assortment of lethal weapons
- Can kill you without remorse
- Always shown wearing the same outfit
- Wears a hood
- Hurls Shurikens
- People think they're pretty cool
- Shrouded in mystery



PROFESSORS

- Experts in methods no longer used
- Employs a bunch of lazy peons (you)
- Can kill your career or worse
- Always wears the same outfit
- Wears a hood at graduation
- Hurls when you present your research
- They think they're pretty cool
- Shrouds you in misery

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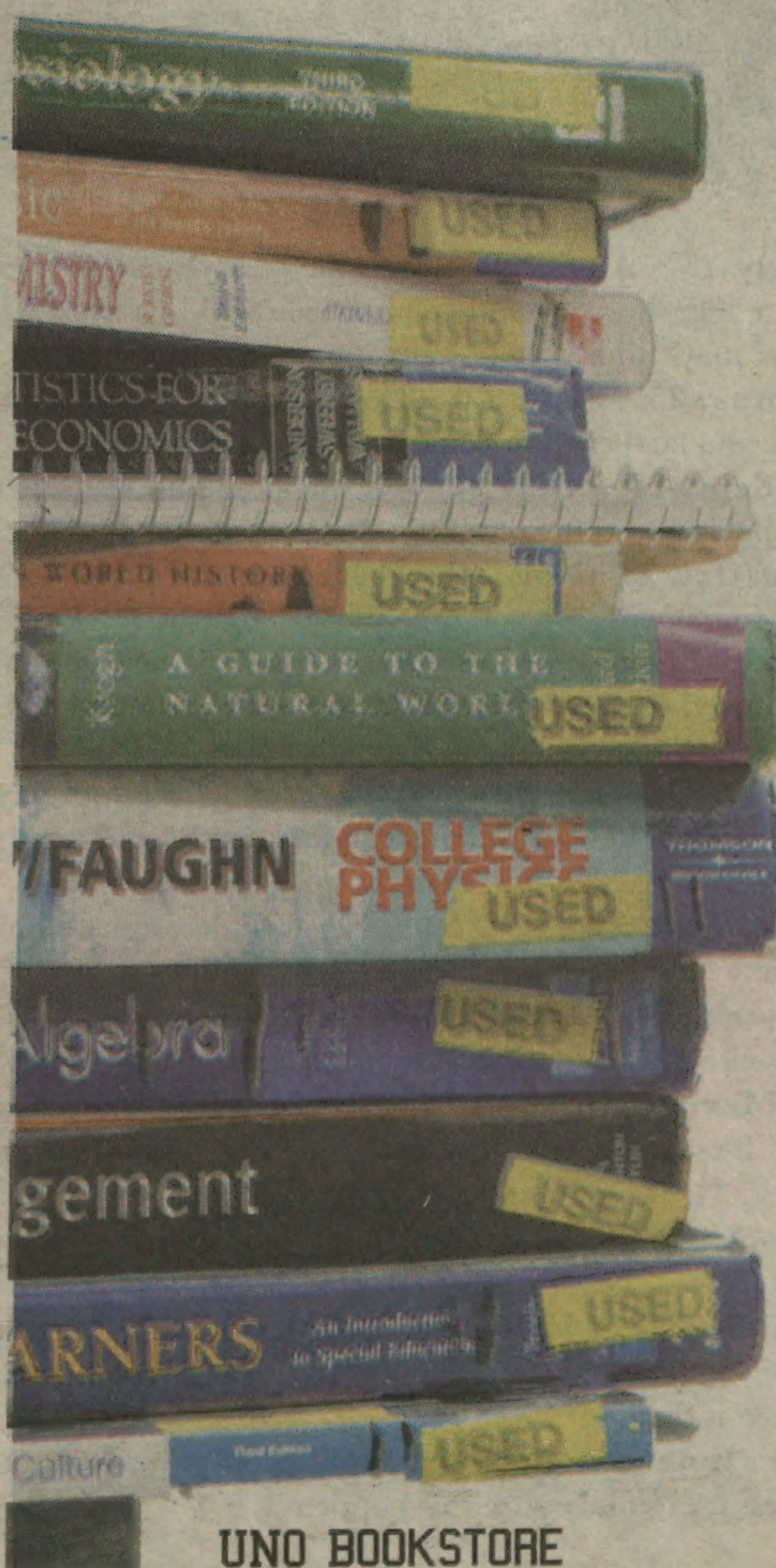
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